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## CNMI voters put to test new election law

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Unknown to many, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial was among those who cast his vote on the first day of early voting on Oct. 22 because of a previous plan to travel to Rota. That plan was later scrapped, however.

Early voting or voting 10 days prior to election day was just one of the changes that thousands of CNMI voters had to deal with in the conduct of the Nov. 2 election for CNMI nonvoting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Many voters, used to casting their votes without bringing a photo ID with them, were surprised to be asked for one.

"During the last election, I didn't have to bring a photo ID. But now, I had to go back to the car to get one," John Benavente, a 22-year-old As Matuis resident, told *Saipan Tribune* outside the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School in San Roque.

Just like Benavente, 56-year-old Lourdes Kalen didn't have a photo ID with her when she went to Tanapag Elementary School to vote.

Kalen was instead required  
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Monthly vehicle sales down 5 pct., year-to-date up 34 pct. **PAGE 3**  
Health insurance premium for active employees to rise too. **PAGE 6**

# Too close to call



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Voters wait for their turn to vote at Garapan Elementary School yesterday morning. Only a few polling places on Saipan had long lines or any line at all on the day of election for a CNMI delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives. Compared to the first delegate election with nine candidates, this time around only has four bets.

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The four-way congressional race is still too close to call, with only four election precincts and early votes tabulated as of 3:45am this morning. Only 4,278 total votes have been counted so far of the estimated 6,500 voters who cast their votes yesterday. **See T00 on Page 2**  
**Calvo-Tenorio leads Guam gubernatorial race**

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The Republican Party's Eddie Calvo and his running mate Ray Tenorio held a 440-vote lead on the Democratic Party's Carl Gutierrez and Frank Aguon Jr. in the



Calvo



Tenorio

Guam gubernatorial race, with 86.21 percent of polling precincts counted as of 2:58am this morning.

According to the Pacific News Center website's unofficial results, Calvo-Tenorio received 12,460 votes

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## Low voter turnout

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The Commonwealth Election Commission projects a lower turnout of voters in yesterday's delegate poll.

Although over 1,000 cast their votes during the early voting period, the overall turnout may reach just 60 percent, according to executive director Robert A. Guerrero.

He said this might be because only four candidates ran in this year's election, compared to the eight who ran in the first delegate election two years ago when voter turnout was over 90 percent.

There are a total of 16,576 registered voters in the Commonwealth, including 1,035 registered absentee voters.

Despite minor glitches at some polling stations, Guerrero said the election was generally peaceful and quiet.

As early as 7am, Guerrero, along with members of the Election Commission board and  
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By SAIPAN TRIBUNE STAFF

Just like in past elections, candidates put up tents near polling places. The tent of former lieutenant governor Jesus Borja of the Democratic Party seemed to have fewer supporters compared to the camps of the three other candidates.

**REPORTER'S  
NOTEBOOK**

As usual, the roadside waving of candidates and their supporters to motorists near

Kagman Community Center was lively. The supporters of former House floor leader Joseph N. Camacho of the Covenant Party and former governor Juan N. Babauta of the Republican Party were raucous. When incumbent Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sanblan left the place shortly before noon, many of his supporters took time out from the roadside waving to seek refuge under their tent.

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Independent candidate Gregorio Kilili Sablan garnered the highest number of votes cast, totaling to 1,653 as of 3:45 a.m., reflecting only a 200-vote margin over his closest rival, Covenant Party candidate Joseph Camacho, who got 1,453 votes as of the hour.

The two other candidates—Republican Party’s Juan N. Babauta and Democratic Party’s

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poll workers, were already at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, preparing for the day’s activity.

Also, despite the several announcements made about the new polling sites, many voters still went to the old election locations.

Guerrero said some polling sites also reported that many voters came without proper identification cards and thus

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to fill out an affidavit, attesting to her identify in front of election workers.

“I always voted without an ID, and I didn’t know that I’m supposed to bring one today,” she said, as she walked away from the polling area with her 11-year-old granddaughter Ketany Johnny.

Benavente said he didn’t vote on any of the three legislative initiatives because he didn’t understand them well.

“It’s better to answer no than answer yes without fully understanding them,” he said.

Judith Castro, poll supervisor

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Former House floor leader Joseph N. Camacho was seen with Gov. Benigno Fitial and first lady Josie Fitial at the Covenant Party’s camp in front of Ada Gym as early as 9am. Camacho looked confident and well rested. He is the only politician who ran in all successive four elections, including last year where he ran for lieutenant governor.

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Unlike last year’s gubernatorial election, only few supporters of the candidates were seen carrying placards and streamers during their roadside “last-

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or 50.54 percent of the votes, while Gutierrez-Aguon has so far gotten 12,020 or 48.76 percent.

The results are from 50 of 58 polling precincts in the U.S. territory.

Jesus Camacho—both showed a wide gap in their totals, with Babauta getting 706 votes and Borja garnering 466 votes from the four precincts and early votes.

Sablan’s strong showing was a result of his lead in all four election districts counted: Chalan Kanoa, Rota, Tinian, and San Antonio.

Camacho got a chance to surpass Sablan’s strong showing with the early votes, when he recorded 965 votes—a 535-vote margin—over Sablan’s 430 votes.

Election Commission execu-

were required to first fill out the “No ID affidavit” so they could cast their votes.

There were also some names missing on the voters’ list. These were referred to the Election Commission office for verification and assistance.

There were, however, no major complaints received as of noon yesterday.

“Overall, we have initially assessed a peaceful and quiet election today despite some minor glitches that we managed to address,” Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

at GTC Elementary School in San Roque, said the new election law’s requirement to have all voters bring a photo ID was one of the major issues they had to deal with because many voters didn’t have an ID with them.

“Others who had photo ID in their cars, we allowed them to get it. But others just signed an affidavit,” she said.

There were few supporters under the tents set up by the four candidates, compared to previous elections, and many attribute this to the single position being voted for yesterday.

**‘No reporters’**

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, who is seeking re-election, voted at Garapan Elementary

minute campaigning.” There were less people and the fiesta atmosphere usually seen at every Election Day was noticeably absent.

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Despite several announcements and bulletins about the revised polling sites, a significant number of voters were unaware of the changes and trooped to the Election Commission office, either to ask for assistance for the exact locations or to complain of the CEC’s “irresponsibility” for not informing them beforehand.

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All four candidates offered free rides to the polling sites for their supporters but many

Democrat and incumbent Guam non-voting Delegate to U.S. Congress Madeleine Bordallo, who is running unopposed, has so far received 13,254 votes.

In the Senate race, incumbents hold 10 of the 15 seats with four Democrats and one Republican making it to the Top 5.

Re-electionists Tom Ada

tive director Robert A. Guerrero started announcing the partial unofficial result at 1:15am, with Sablan initially making a remarkable start by leading all his three opponents in the first three election precincts—Chalan Kanoa, Rota, and Tinian.

Sablan got 360 votes from Chalan Kanoa, a 203-vote margin over Camacho’s 157 votes. Borja came next with 137, followed by Babauta, who got only 74 votes.

Sablan also made a strong showing in the next election precinct counted—Rota—where he

At Hopwood Junior High School, poll worker Gilbert Cabrera said 176 people have already voted at the polling site as of 11am yesterday. A total of 820 voters were expected at the site.

He said only one minor case was recorded yesterday at the site—the missing name of a voter from San Antonio.

A family of three who was voting in the area refused to say who they voted for but described their family’s choice as “the best among the rest.”

At the Joeten Kiyu Public Li-

School around 9am, along with his wife, Andrea.

A former Election Commission executive director for 10 years, Sablan said he has lots of serious concerns about this year’s election but he said he trusts the election system and in the people in the system.

“But obviously, there’s always influence and there are some changes made. ...The least change you make, the more people are used to the process and they vote. All these different changes, some of them made so close to the Election Day, is causing some [concern]...but I don’t conduct elections anymore so I leave it up to the commission that has some very good people,” he said.

“standby” vehicles remained empty until noon yesterday.

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The public education campaign on the legislative initiatives seemed “ineffective” following admission of many voters that they don’t know anything about it “...and I don’t care about it.”

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The Matua Riders, a group of motorcycle enthusiasts, were seen doing the rounds on Saipan to encourage people to go out and vote.

In an interview outside GTC Elementary School in San Roque, Matua Riders vice president Vince Lizama said they don’t endorse any candidate.

(13,897 votes), Judith T. Won Pat (13,721), Tina Rose Muna Barnes (13,437), and Vicente C. Pangelinan (13,320) all of the Democratic Party, currently hold the top four spots with Republican Dr. Aline Yamashita (12,303) completing the fist five spots.

Democrat Dennis G. Rodriguez Jr. (12,143), Republican

got 398 votes, a 280-margin over Camacho’s 118. Babauta moved up the tally with 106 votes, while Borja got only 75 votes.

On Tinian, Sablan had a 42-vote lead over Camacho, getting a total of 202 votes against Camacho’s 160. Babauta had a strong showing, coming in with the second highest number of votes, 174, next to Sablan. Borja remained the cellar dweller with only 45 votes.

Prior to the counting of the San Antonio area, Camacho was ahead of Sablan by only 10

brary, 332 people have already cast their votes as of 12pm. In the first hour of the election, 71 individuals lined up at the site.

“We have a very smooth flow of election in this precinct...and so far, no minor incidents were recorded,” poll worker Tricia Cabrera told *Saipan Tribune*.

Of the many voters interviewed at the site, only 21-year-old Virginia Roque came clean about whom she voted for: incumbent Gregorio Kilili Sablan.

Of the four candidates, Democratic Party contender Jesus

Sablan said he woke up feeling good on Election Day, which was also his mother’s 80th birthday.

“I hope people come out and vote and I’m hoping to win. But if somebody else wins, I will support that person, [and] make sure that there’s smooth transition to the next Congress. This is not about me. This is about the work we do for the people,” he said after voting.

**‘Butterfly in the stomach’**

Republican delegate candidate and former governor Juan N. Babauta said he and his wife Charlene were greeted by supporters outside their house yesterday morning, before heading out to Garapan Elementary School to

They just want more people to exercise their right to vote.

“We do this every year as community service,” he said. Matua Riders president Ed Flores was leading the group yesterday.

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Reporters were not allowed to take photos of candidates when they voted in yesterday’s delegate election. In previous elections, including gubernatorial polls, reporters were allowed to take photos of the candidates while dropping their ballots in the ballot box, even without a media pass from the Commonwealth Election Commission. Media passes were previously required only during the counting of ballots.

Anthony V. Ada (11,909), Democrat Rory J. Respicio (11,908), Republican Frank Flores Blas Jr. (11,719), Democrat Adolpho B. Palacios Jr. (11,513), Democrat Dr. Judi P. Gutherz (11,029), Republican Mana Silva Taijeron (10,971), Democrat Benjamin J.F. Cruz (10,524), Republican Christopher M. Duenas (10,083), and Ray Cruz

votes. The fourth precinct gave Sablan continued advantage over his opponents.

**‘Five-hour processing’**

Early projection was that ballot processing would take only a few hours and many became uneasy when the processing took more than five hours to complete—from 7pm through 12:30am Wednesday—for all the votes cast in 13 election precincts, early voters, and absentee ballots.

Processing include the opening of envelopes, checking and veri-

Borja was the only one to cast his vote at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library. He arrived at the polling site at 7am with his family. He immediately left and proceeded to other polling stations to monitor the election. Borja was the only candidate who didn’t put up a tent near the polling site.

Incumbent Sablan, who is running as an independent, was also spotted in the area as early as 8am.

Public Auditor Mike Pai, who was at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library yesterday morning, said his

vote around 8:15am.

He said the feeling he had yesterday—butterflies-in-the-stomach—was almost the same feeling he had when he ran for public office in the past.

“Despite the feeling of butterflies in the stomach, I’m feeling good. I feel that the people would be looking at a candidate with a very solid experience, somebody who can work in Washington given the difficulties we’re going through,” he said in an interview at his camp’s tent near the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School in San Roque.

Fitial, who was at the Covenant Party tent across the road from Ada gym, said he’s confident that the party’s candidate, former floor leader Joseph N.

Robert Guerrero, executive director of the Commonwealth Election Commission, said reporters should have been required in previous elections to present media passes even when taking photos.

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Former House speaker Arnold I. Palacios, who cast his vote also at Garapan Elementary School, said the only concern he has is the limited accessibility to the polling place at this precinct. This polling station can only be accessed through two narrow gates at the back. The main entrances were closed on Election Day.

“But other than that, the voting process is fast,” he said.

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Haddock (10,010) currently hold the other 10 spots in the Senate race.

Of the 15, Yamashita, Rodriguez, Taijeron, Duenas, and Haddock are not returning senators.

In the race for Guam attorney general, Leonardo Rapadas holds a 8,930-7,000 lead against Gary Gumataotao.

Simon Sanchez with 10,197

fication. The procedure started at exactly 7pm as soon as polling sites closed on all three islands.

Ballot boxes from both Tinian and Rota were received by the commission at 9:10pm.

There are a total of 16,576 registered voters in the Commonwealth, including 1,035 registered absentee voters as of Oct. 30.

Saipan Tribune learned that as of 6pm yesterday, the commission recorded roughly 6,500 voters on Election Day; 700-plus absentee votes; and 1,700 early votes.

office has yet to see any untoward incidents or potential violations of the election law as of yesterday noon. He described yesterday’s activity as “smooth.”

Also making the rounds yesterday were assistant attorney general Meaghan Hassel Shearer, who acts as legal counsel for the Election Commission, and police officers.

All ballots were expected at the Multi-Purpose Center after polling stations close at 7pm last night. Ballots from Rota and Tinian were expected to be a bit late due to the distance.

Camacho, will win.

“I’m confident that Joe will win because Joe is a very personable person. This is the kind of person that I really like to see represent people. ...He is not like other candidates who are not approachable. I’m referring to Kilili. Kilili most of the time is not approachable because you ask him a question, he says ‘Okay, I will look into that,’ then he disappears. ...Joseph, you know, when he doesn’t know something, he will tell you straight,” the governor said.

Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan), who voted at Tanapag Elementary School along with Commonwealth Ports Authority board chair Joe Lifoifo, said voting has been peaceful and orderly in Tanapag.

Alfred Pangelinan, a Garapan resident, said it only took two minutes for him to fall in line and a minute to vote.

The Garapan polling place is one of the only few polling areas where there were lines. Other precincts barely had lines of voters because people came in trickles.

Camilo Orallo, a 67-year-old Gualo Rai resident, said he thinks the conduct of the election was fair, and hopes that his candidate would win.

Victor T. Venus, 73, of Puerto Rico, said he only had one concern: “The person in the polling place seemed like she didn’t know what she was doing. It took her awhile to check my name on the list,” he said.

votes, Benigno Palomo with 8,738, and Eloy Hara with 7,667 is how the early results for the Consolidated Commission on Utilities election is turning out.

In the retention of justices Anita Sukola and F. Phillip Carbullido, 11,742 have voted yes and 2,883 voted no for the former and 12,029 votes yes and 2,268 voted no for the latter.



# Monthly vehicle sales down 5 pct., year-to-date up 34 pct.

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An average of at least one new vehicle was sold every single day in October, not much change from the same period last year, based on the Commonwealth Auto Dealers Association's latest sales report released yesterday.

CADA sold 36 new cars, vans, trucks and sport utility vehicles in October, down by 5 percent from the same month last year.

This brings to 499 the total number of new vehicles sold between January and October 2010, a 34-percent increase from the same period in 2009.

Microl Corp.'s year-to-date sales reached 216, a 45-percent increase from last year's 149. Microl, the local authorized dealer of Toyota and Chevrolet, sold 11 vehicles in October alone, the same number it sold during the same

## Fund OKs 'moderate-alternative' tactic for its investment portfolio

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The NMI Retirement Fund board unanimously approved the recommendation of its investment consultant to use a moderate-alternative approach in dealing with the Fund's investments.

Fund board chair Sixto Igisomar, during Thursday's board meeting, laid out three options for trustees to consider on how they want to divvy up the investment funds, amounting to \$313 million as of Oct. 30. These approaches included conservative-alternative, moderate-alternative, and aggressive-alternative approach.

Wilshire Consulting gave the board a two-day comprehensive presentation last week, highlighting its plans and strategies on how the pension fund could recover from its investment losses.

With market conditions remaining unstable and many asset classes volatile, Wilshire Consulting said it is important it is to give the Fund the ability to diversify and protect its portfolio, while enabling them to identify and rapidly respond to market movements where they feel it is appropriate.

"The goal was to evaluate the expected return and evaluate the risk in trying to obtain those returns," Igisomar said.

Fiscal year 2008 was considered the worst year on record for the market and, like other retirement and pension plans, the Fund's losses were considerable.

In 2001, the Fund also experienced a 20-percent drop in its investment assets and a 10-per-

month last year.

Joeten Motors, the authorized dealer of Nissan, Ford, Honda and Kia, sold 172 new vehicles during the first 10 months of the year, a 42-percent increase from the same period last year. In October alone, Joeten Motors sold 14 vehicles, a 33-percent drop from a year ago.

Triple J Motors, meanwhile, sold 111 vehicles between January and October, an 8-percent increase from last year's 103. Triple "J" Motors, the distributor of Hyundai, Mitsubishi, Isuzu and Suzuki, sold 11 units in October alone, an 83-percent growth from last year's six.

SUVs were the most saleable vehicles in October with 15 units sold. CADA sold three units each of Suzuki G Vitara and Toyota RAV4, two units of Nissan Rogue, and one unit each of Hyundai Tuc-

son, Mazda CX7, Mazda CX9, and Nissan Juke.

Toyota Corolla topped the new car sales chart with three units sold in October. Also sold were two units each of Honda Civic, Mazda2, Mazda3 and Toyota Yaris. CADA also sold one unit each of Hyundai Azera, Kia Forte and Kia Rio.

Ford Ranger sold the most trucks in October with three units, followed by Toyota Tacoma with two, and Nissan Frontier, one.

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# Thousands jam American Memorial Park for ‘Trunk or Treat’

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Over two thousand family members and children in costumes trooped to American Memorial

Park on Oct. 31 to participate in the Trunk or Treat event in observance of Halloween. Trunk or Treat is an annual event organized by the National Park Service and features organizations that decorate their vehicle trunks following the Halloween theme. Park ranger Nancy Kelchner said last Sunday’s crowd exceeded their expectations, sur-



CLARISSA DAVID

Trunk or Treat is an annual event organized by the National Park Service and features organizations that decorate their vehicle trunks following the Halloween theme.

passing last year’s turnout of about 850 people.

“We were the only party in town on Halloween night. Everybody had their party on Saturday. We are so happy to have so many folks who came and had a good time,” Kelchner told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Kelchner, they closed the American Memorial Park parking lot beginning Sunday morning in preparation for the event held from 4pm to 7pm.

Kelchner said about five officers from the Department of Public Safety took turns facilitating traffic flow as early as 1pm.

Of the 28 car owners that registered for the event, 17 showed up with decked out car trunks and distributed lots of candies and other treats, especially for the young members of the community.

Parents tagged along their children dressed in eye-catching costumes like princesses, superheroes, ghosts, and witches as they went from one

trunk to another.

Anita Sablan of Garapan accompanied her nieces and nephews to the event so they could go trick-or-treating.

“I like Halloween because it’s fun and we get to have treats from other people,” said Sablan’s 9-year old niece, Keyona Tudela, who sported a witch costume.

Wearing his tiger suit, 10-month-old Izaak Hacob participated in his first Halloween with sisters Maica Pineda and Jessica Flores of Chinatown.

Among the car owners that showed up were the Transportation Security Administration, the CNMI Head Start Program, the U.S. Navy, the United Workers Movement-NMI, and the Rotary Club of Saipan, which took part in the event for the first time.

TSA training specialist Sia Dela Cruz said their office has been an active participant in this annual event since it started.

Dela Cruz said about 15 of their staff took time to decorate their trunk and assist in giving

out over 3,000 candies donated by the management, staff, and officers of TSA.

For the second time in a row, the CNMI Head Start Program bagged the Best Decorated Trunk award for their haunted house-decorated van.

Kelchner said the group won \$60 worth of gift certificates to Café at the Park.

“All our hard work paid off. We’re very happy and we give credit to the whole management team,” said interim director Melissa Palacios.

Palacios said their participation in the annual event is their way of thanking the members of the community who have made Head Start a part of their lives.

She described their booth as unique because they gave away oranges to children instead of candies and sweets. Last year, they gave away toothbrushes and toothpastes at their booth.


“We always try to promote good and healthy living even during Halloween,” she said.

Palacios said they had their fair share of surprised reactions from children expecting to receive candies at their booth.

“We just told them that orange is very healthy and it balances out the candies they got from the other booths,” she added.


Aside from the car owners, Kelchner said they also had 15 volunteers from the Saipan Southern High School JROTC team led by Command Sgt Maj. Leonardo Rabago and the 50 members of the Saipan Pacific Winds band, which provided entertainment to the guests.

“It’s great to see families come together, all dressed up, holding hands and having fun where it’s safe to have fun. It’s a weekend of free program, free music, and lots of candies. The atmosphere is very upbeat,” she said.



## HARDT EYE CLINIC

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**QUESTION #1 True or False**

**1. Having diabetes isn't really a serious problem.**

*\*False: "Diabetes causes more deaths every year than breast cancer and AIDS combined. Two out of three people with diabetes die from heart disease or stroke."*

*\*Source: American Diabetes Association*

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Household Size	Annual income	Monthly income	2x per Month income	Bi-weekly income	Weekly income
1	\$14,079	\$1,174	\$587	<b>\$542</b>	\$271
2	18,941	1,579	790	<b>729</b>	365
3	23,803	1,984	992	<b>916</b>	458
4	28,665	2,389	1,195	<b>1,103</b>	552
5	33,527	2,794	1,397	<b>1,290</b>	645
6	38,389	3,200	1,600	<b>1,477</b>	739
7	43,251	3,605	1,803	<b>1,664</b>	832
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For more information, please contact the PSS FNS Saipan office at 237-2053, -3060, -3033, -3050.

## Fundraising Raffle Winners for Jose Tenorio Chong

October 30, 2010

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6th	Live Piglet	1490	Carlita

**Consolation Prizes**

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9th	\$30.00 Gift Certificate	0322	Rita Chargualaf
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11th	Mini Chopper	1238	Ezra Ada
12th	Electric Can Opener	0734	Monica Manalo
13th	Toaster	1323	Divana Dela Cruz
14th	1cs 22lbs. Chicken	1835	Glenn Dlg
15th	1cs 22lbs. Chicken	1326	Divana Dela Cruz
16th	1cs. Ribs	0062	Debra Inos
17th	1cs. Ribs	1954	Christian
18th	\$10.00 Cash	0820	Sarah Serrano
19th	\$10.00 Cash	0117	Leslie De Brum
20th	\$10.00 Cash	0596	Angelo Nicholas
21st	\$10.00 Cash	0746	Sidney Camacho
22nd	24 Pcs. Bake ware	1438	Lume Bermudez
23rd	3 Pcs. Canape Bread Molds/Bake Pans	0149	Evelyn fr. DJ Fish Mobile
24th	Swifter Carpet Flick	0131	Ida De Brum
25th	Wine	0797	Richie Reyes
26th	Club Umbrella/15 pcs Golf balls	0806	De Jana Muna

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our family and friends for their support during this Fundraising Event. And to all the people who helped in donating prizes and who bought tickets, thank you! We will always keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Un sen dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase/Thank you



# \$100K grant to help make voting easier for those with disabilities

## » Volunteers hold survey on access to polling places

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REPORTER

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services granted a funding of \$100,000 to the Commonwealth Election Commission to help make voting easier for people with disabilities, even as voters filled out survey forms in yesterday's delegate election to gauge their views on making polling places more accessible to people with disabilities.

This award of the single-source grant was included in the Oct. 28 Federal Register.

Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero, in an interview yesterday, said this grant is for non-construction projects, and will be used mostly for assessments and training.

"This is the first time we received this kind of a one-time grant. It's the Election Commission that is the grantee for this," Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

The \$100,000 from DHHS's Administration on Developmental Disabilities is specifically meant to explore accessibility of polling places, and

provide training and technical assistance to election officials, poll workers and election volunteers on the best methods to promote the access and participation of individuals with developmental disabilities in elections for federal office.

The federal funding is also for the training of voters on how to use voting equipment to include various voting machines to allow for equal opportunity for access and participation in the voting process.

In 2002, the U.S. Congress enacted the Help America Vote Act or Public Law 107-252 as a means of improving the administration of elections for federal office.

The CNMI did not participate in federal elections prior to the enactment of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act or Public Law 110-229.

The same law, which placed CNMI immigration under federal control, also allowed the CNMI to elect in November 2008 a nonvoting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives. The second delegate election in the CNMI was held yesterday.

With its participation in federal elections, the CNMI's eligibility for funding under the Help America Vote Act is now established and, to that end, the Administration on Developmental Disabilities is funding

the \$100,000 award.

### Survey on Election Day

Volunteers—mostly Northern Marianas College students—helped the Commonwealth Election Commission in yesterday's elections to conduct surveys among voters on what they think will help make polling places more accessible to people with disabilities.

Les Ogunoro, the team leader of the survey team stationed outside the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School in San Roque, said the Commonwealth Election Survey is conducted in collaboration with NMC, the Developmental Disabilities Council, and the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc.

As of 12pm yesterday, some 50 voters at Precinct 4B have already filled out the survey forms.

At Garapan Elementary School, NMC students Masahide Yoshida, Wes Tomokane and Kid Cabrera were also giving out and helping people answer the same survey forms.

The survey form has eight questions, such as, "Have you observed any voters with disabilities encountering difficulties with voting or with accessing the polling site?" and "If you are a person with a disability, did you experience any problems while voting?"

The survey also asks respondents whether an accessible voting machine could make the voting process more accessible.



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# Health insurance premium for active employees to rise too

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

The new emergency regulation approved by the NMI Retirement

Fund board of trustees also calls for a 33-percent increase in the health premium of active government employees and members of the Fund.

The same increase applies to retirees effective this month, according to the regulation now published in the Commonwealth Register.

Health insurance premiums are collected from retirees and active government employees in 24 and 26 pay periods, respectively.

Effective this month, rules governing the health insurance plan and retirees' semi-monthly contribution are amended as follows:

- For single member, the new health insurance premium is \$93.02—a 33-percent increase from existing rate of \$70.11;

- For retiree and one dependent but not a domestic partner, premiums go up to \$190.69 from \$143.73;

- For retiree and domestic partner, premium is set at \$288.36; and

- Retiree and family, but not including domestic partner, will start paying \$297.66 from

the existing rate of \$224.36. Meantime, a retiree and family including domestic partner will pay \$390.68 based on the new regulation.

According to the Fund, co-payments, annual maximums, and lifetime maximums remain the same as the current plan and no benefits were reduced for services outside the 50 states, including the CNMI, Guam, and overseas.

For active government employees who pay health insurance premium bi-weekly, the new rates for single is \$85.87, up from the previous rate of \$64.72; for a couple, not including a domestic partner, the new rate is \$176.02 from \$132.68; for couple, including a domestic partner, the premium goes up

to \$266.17 from \$200.64.

The Group Life Health Insurance is handled in the CNMI by Aetna Global.

Fund chair Sixto Igisomar had admitted that the rate increase is "drastic" but considers the measure as the most viable option at present for the NMI.

According to Fund administrator Richard Villagomez, no other health insurance provider on island is willing to cover the retirees other than Aetna Global.

Fund officials earlier clarified that negotiations on the rate increase—which had been stalled since August—was between the Fitial administration and the insurance carrier. The Fund only serves as administrator of the program.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## BOOK PRESENTATION

Dennis Chan and members of the Friends of the Mariana Trench Monument presented Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan with a copy of *Our Northern Islands*, written by Chan. The new book is about Chan's experience aboard the 105-foot *Lady Carolina* during the first expedition to the Mariana Trench Marine National Monument last year. The expedition was organized by the Friends, who provided funding for a local young person to take part. Chan won a space on the expedition with an essay "Why I want to visit the Mariana Trench Marine National Monument." A portion of the proceeds from *Our Northern Islands* will go toward supporting the educational programs of the Friends. The book was presented to Sablan in gratitude for his continued support of coral reef conservation and for providing funding to design a visitors center in the CNMI. *Our Northern Islands* is available on Amazon.com and at the CNMI Museum.

## Delay in DCAA-PSS agreement deprives youth detainees of their right to education

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

The delay in the signing of a memorandum of agreement be-

tween the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs and the Public School System is depriving youths detained at the Kagman Juvenile Deten-

tion Facility of their right to an education.

According to DCCA Secretary Melvin Faisao, PSS has yet to decide on the proposed agreement with his department.

Faisao is confident, though, that both parties will come to a mutually sound agreement for the welfare of the juveniles.

"I am very confident and pleased that PSS and DCCA are working amicably in a joint resolution to address the very much needed program for the juveniles at the facility," said Faisao.

The juvenile center is under DCCA's supervision but PSS provides it teachers for the detainees as part of an agreement that has already expired. Since then, instructional sessions for the detained youths at the center have been suspended for several months now.

The detention facility has three classrooms, enough for nine students each.

In a follow-up letter to PSS officials dated Oct. 26, Faisao said the proposed MOA has been with PSS for 15 days now but his office has yet to receive a response.

"To date, the department has not received any update or status to the aforementioned matter. Is there a compelling reason from your side on the delay? Please don't forget that the residents at the facility are being deprived of their fundamental rights to education," Faisao's letter said.

He urged Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan to expedite the review of the proposed agreement.

Detained juveniles failed to get any instruction services for more than five months starting in September 2009 through February this year. Retired teacher Ambrose Bennett came onboard in March but his services have since been stopped due to the expired MOA.

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## Grants open for FSM, Marshalls, Palau

New funding totalling AUD95,000 has been allocated to the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei for the 2010-11 financial year as part of the Direct Aid Program. This funding is available on a not-for-profit basis to individuals, non-government organizations, and community groups engaged in development activities in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands and Palau.

The DAP is a flexible small grants program funded by the Australian Agency for International Development and administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

## New Caledonia gets organic certification and labeling system

**NOUMEA, New Caledonia**—Under an agreement signed this week at the Secretariat of the Pacific Community headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia, the association Bio Calédonie will manage an organic certification and labeling system in New Caledonia. This will allow certified produce sold in New Caledonia to carry the Organic Pasifika label. This is the first time such a Participatory Guarantee System has been set up in the Pacific region.

The Organic Pasifika label is a guarantee that the products meet the Pacific Organic Standard, developed by the Pacific Organic and Ethical Trade Community. SPC acts as the secretariat for POETCom and is the custodian of the Organic Pasifika label. SPC director-general Dr. Jimmie Rodgers noted that the certified products would meet standards equivalent to those of the European Union, and that once a system of third party certification was in place they would be eligible for export to Europe. **(SPC)**

It is intended to respond to developmental and humanitarian needs in their host country and / or eligible countries of non-resident accreditation. Grants are usually given for amounts of USD5,000 up to USD30,000.

The primary aim of DAP is to advance developmental outcomes in developing countries. The DAP focuses on small-grants that benefit grassroots, community-based organizations that might otherwise be overlooked by larger aid programs. DAP is intended to help communities to help themselves through one-off funding and is not a continuing funding stream for ongoing projects.

Successful applications will describe projects that have a clear, demonstrable development outcome. Applications should be fully costed, with a detailed budget based on real prices, and should be feasible, with a realistic implementation timeframe.

Applications for DAP can be found on the Australian Embassy's website at <http://www.fsm.embassy.gov.au/phpi/cooperation.html>, or applications can be picked up at the Australian Embassy in Kolonia, Pohnpei at the H&E building across from the PAMI building. Applications can also be mailed out to requesting organizations by contacting our Public Diplomacy Officer at 691-320-5448. **(PR)**

## Aussie urology team to visit Chuuk, Pohnpei, Majuro

A volunteer medical team from The Pacific Islands Project, which is funded by the Australian Government through the Australian Agency for International Development and managed by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, will be visiting Chuuk, Pohnpei and Majuro in November to provide urology services at the state hospitals on each island.

The team consists of Dr Donald Moss, who specializes in urological surgery, anaesthetist Dr Duncan Phillips, and nurse Joy Taylor.

The team will provide urological surgeries at Chuuk State Hospital on Nov. 15-21, 2010, at the Pohnpei State Hospital on Nov. 22-25, and at the Majuro Hospital from Nov. 27 to Dec. 1. The aim of the project

is to work as closely as possible with local doctors and medical staff to help develop their skills in order to continue to provide these vital medical services in the future.

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons thanks Qantas and Continental Airways for their help with the transport of the equipment/supplies that will be used by the team. **(PR)**



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9912, hereby giving notice that the CNMI State Advisory Group (SAG), also known as the "Youth Advisory Council" (YAC) of the Criminal Justice Planning Agency will hold an Official Award Meeting on **Tuesday, November 9, 2010 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**, NAPU Conference Room, Pacific Islands Club, Saipan

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- IV. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES, of Minutes from YAC meeting on August 13, 2010.**
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
  - a) Welcoming, Introduction of members, Report, Joe Limes, Chairman
  - b) CJPA Report, Jerome Jerome, Executive Director
  - c) Proposed Transfer of JDU Management under DOC authority
  - d) CNMI-FACJJ Representatives, Mr. Perry Iguel
  - e) Review and Award of 2010 Subgrant-Applications for the **2010 OJJDP Grant Programs**, as follow:
    - o Title II Formula Grant
    - o Title V Prevention Grant
    - o Juvenile Accountability Block Grant
    - o Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Grant
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
  - a) CNMI -Juvenile Justice **Three Year State Plan, due March 31, 2011**
  - b) Approval of Amendments in the YAC Bylaws, Thomas Camacho, V. Chair
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - a) Next Youth Advisory Council Meeting
  - b) Supervisory Council Meeting scheduled for November 18 and 19, 2010.
  - c) Others
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Should you need more information, please call the CJPA at 664-4550-7.

/s/ Mr. Joe Limes  
Chairperson  
State Advisory Group

/s/ Mr. Jerome I. Jerome  
Executive Director, CJPA

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## WATER TASK FORCE



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 11-GOV-006

#### Construction Management/Contract Compliance For Water Task Force Projects

Governor Benigno R. Fitia and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force (WTF), are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified Consultants to provide Construction Management/Contract Compliance Services for various WTF contracts and projects.

The project Scope of Work will be available on or after **October 27, 2010** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 pm, **November 3, 2010** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number (670) 664-2279.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior.

Award of this project is contingent upon receipt of project approval from OIA. The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-305. Preference per Public Law 15-95 as further amended by Public Law 15-118 is not available in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "**Construction Management/Contract Compliance**", **RFP 11-GOV-006**. One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Sealed proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00 p.m., November 29, 2010 (CNMI local time)**.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/ **BENIGNO R. FITIAL**  
Governor

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**  
Director of Procurement and Supply

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# Saipan chamber sets officers' election today



The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be holding the annual election of its board of directors during the group's general membership meeting at the Sandcastle of the Hyatt Regency Saipan today, Nov. 3, 2010.

The candidates for 2011 Chamber board are Doug Brennan (Microl Corp., vice president and general manager) for president, Vincent J. Seman (Carlsmith Ball LLP, lawyer) for vice president, Joseph "JoJo" Camacho (Marianas Pacific Distributors, marketing manager) for secretary, and Michael S. Johnson (Deloitte, managing partner) for treasurer. There are four nominees for directors-at-large and Chamber members will choose no more than three. The nominees are Alan Markoff (ToothWorks

Dental Clinic, owner), Ayako Matsumoto (Pacific Eagle Enterprises, vice president, and Flame Tree TV/Visitors Channel, business development manager), David M. Sablan Sr. (Century Insurance Co., president; CTSI Logistics, Asia-Pacific Airlines, and Cosmos Distributing, vice president; Asia Pacific Hotels, vice chairman of the board of directors), and Jolene Torres (Marianas International Travel Agency, managing director).

The meeting's guest speaker will be Rep. Ramon S. Basa, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means. Basa was part of a group of lawmakers who, during the recent budget crisis, resisted attempts to impose new or increased fees and taxes without any research, without public hearings, and without input from the business community.

"Rep. Basa has committed that tax and fee proposals will be subject to public hearings in front of his committee in the House, and he has accepted the Chamber's offer to provide individuals with relevant expertise to work with the Legislature to explain various possible outcomes of proposed increases," said Chamber executive director Kyle Calabrese. "Recently, some tax and fee bills have been re-introduced, and we are in the process of scheduling a time for experts to meet with the Legislature, so this is an incredibly timely opportunity to hear from Representative Basa."

Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30am, and the meeting will begin at 12pm. The meeting is \$15 for members, \$20 for guests of members, and \$25 for general public. (SCC)

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 3, 1999

### Kiyu defends Art. 12 restriction

Senate Vice President Thomas P. Villagomez yesterday defended the proposed constitutional amendment restricting the right to vote on land issues to only indigenous residents, saying such a right must be exclusive to those who are allowed to own lands in the Northern Marianas. Legislative Initiative 11-1, up for referendum in this Saturday's midterm elections, is not an amendment to Article 12, but to Article 18 under the CNMI Constitution, which provides for voting rights of the people, according to the senator. Its intent is to limit the decision on issues affecting the protections on land alienation, such as land ownership, to persons of Northern Marianas descent in line with the Article 12 provisions.

### NMI turns over tower control to private firm

After years of waiting, the Federal Aviation Administration finally took over the operations of Saipan International Airport air control tower, a move which Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio said ensures the continuous provision of safety to all passengers. It was an event that Commonwealth Ports Authority Executive Director Carlos H. Salas has always been waiting for ever since Saipan tower was commissioned using local Saipan residents as controllers. The locals underwent rigorous training until they were certified in the Western-Pacific region in early February 1995. In a simple ceremony held yesterday, governor lauded efforts by CPA and FAA to make air travel safe by ensuring that the people running the control tower are well trained.

Nov. 3, 2000

### House to block legalization of abortion

House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial put his foot down yesterday to any proposal that will change the constitutional provision banning abortion in the Northern Marianas amid renewed debate on the issue. He said the only legislation acceptable to the House leadership is one that will provide penalties against violation of that mandate, but added they have yet to consider enacting such measure. Under the CNMI Constitution, abortion is prohibited on the islands. The Legislature, however, can lift that ban. At present, there is no local statutory law that penalizes the practice here.

### ABE wants slice of compact impact funds

The Northern Marianas College Adult Basic Education Program is seeking a fair share to the \$1 million compact impact appropriation delivered last week by Office of Insular Affairs Director Danny Aranza, noting that the public institution hosts approximately 27 percent of Micronesian students. ABE Director Fe Y. Calixterio expressed yesterday hopes the local government will not overlook NMC's adult literacy program as it also provides valuable services to students from the Freely Associated States. FAS students comprise about one-fourth of the overall NMC student population, according to Ms. Calixterio.

Nov. 3, 2003

### Benavente tops BOE election

Board of Education reelectionist Roman C. Benavente has made it to the top over two other candidates with some 4,468 votes, ensuring himself another four-year term on the board. Based on the unofficial tally released by the Commission on Election Saturday night, BOE candidate Juanita Malone ranked second with total votes of 3,068. Former congressman Dino Jones, who is also seeking a BOE seat, received 2,938 votes. The board will have two vacancies by January 2004-upon the term expiration of BOE member Esther Fleming. Based on the preliminary results, Benavente gathered most of his votes from Precinct 1 (2,369), followed by Precinct 3 with 950 votes, Precinct 4 with 789 votes, and Precinct 2 with 360 votes.

### Firm pledges remediation work at its illegal landfill in Dandan

With promises of mitigating the impact of its illegal landfill operations in Dandan, a company may have to pay a reduced fine to the CNMI government regarding the violations of Solid Waste regulations. Martin Cabrera, the Coastal Resources Management Office's enforcement chief, said the agency would be amenable to a \$4,000-fine from Agbanlog Enterprises, Inc., payable at \$500 every month. "But they have to conduct cleanup," Cabrera said. Last month, the CRMO slapped the quarry firm with a \$10,000-fine, following the discovery of an illegal dumpsite at its quarry site in As Laderan, Dandan. The firm buried solid waste in pits.



## Notice of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Tuesday, November 09, 2010 at 6:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan

### A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
5. Communications
6. Public Comments

### B. Reports

1. Chairperson
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Administrator
5. Committees
6. Legal Counsel

### C. Public Hearing

1. A request for a Variance to allow the development of two three-story buildings on lot 001 B 72 in the Village of San Roque. The property owner is requesting variances to the side and rear yard setbacks and to the number of required parking spaces. This property is located behind the San Roque Elementary School. This is within proximity of the intersection of San Roque Drive and Mamate Loop. The site is zoned as "Rural". Requested by Du Young Jang.
2. A request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of institutionalized housing and the expansion of an existing warehouse. This property is described as Lot 011 D 25 in the Village of Garapan. This is at the intersection of Moety Street with Natdo and Chichirica Avenues. The site is zoned as "Mixed Commercial". Requested by Manuel J. Alvarez for Rigel Corporation.

### D. Old Business.

1. Update on Zoning Office Operations (*Permit Processing, Enforcement, Junk Car Program*).

### E. New Business.

1. Update on Zoning Law/ Text Amendments (comments)

### F. Executive (Closed) Session

### G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact Douglas Wyatt, Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.). /s/ Herminia M. Fusco, Chairperson, Zoning Board



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Notice for Public Comment

### Coastal Zone Management Act Section 309 Assessment and Strategy Report 2011-2015

CNMI Coastal Resources Management office is pleased to announce that the Draft CZMA Section 309 Assessment and Strategy Report 2011-2015 is available for public review. We invite all interested parties to submit comments during the open period of October 2, 2010 - November 30, 2010.

Section 309 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) established a voluntary coastal zone enhancement grants program to encourage states and territories to improve program efforts. Under §309, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce is authorized to make awards to the CNMI Coastal Resources Management Office (CRM) to develop and implement federally approved program changes in coastal management. To be eligible for this funding, CRM must submit a §309 Assessment and Strategy document every five years. In the report, CRM develops strategies to address priority issues that are identified in nine enhancement areas:

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| ■ Wetlands                         | ■ Special Area Management Planning      |
| ■ Public Access                    | ■ Ocean Resources                       |
| ■ Coastal Hazards                  | ■ Energy and Government Facility Siting |
| ■ Marine Debris                    | ■ Aquaculture                           |
| ■ Cumulative and Secondary Impacts |                                         |

For a copy of this report, please visit the Coastal Resources Management office or download from our website at [www.crm.gov.mp](http://www.crm.gov.mp). All comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 30, 2010.

### Written comments and questions can be submitted to:

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## NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING for Dou Young Jang

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this Variance Application. Mr. Du Young Jang is requesting to construct two three-story buildings on lot 001 B 72 in the Village of San Roque. The property owner is requesting variances to the side and rear yard setbacks and to the number of required parking spaces. This property is located behind the San Roque Elementary School. This is within proximity of the intersection of San Roque Drive and Mamate Loop. The site is zoned as "Rural".

**Date:** November 9, 2010 (Tuesday)  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Place:** Zoning Office, 2nd Floor,  
Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan.

Above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the projects may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30 pm, November 8, 2010. Written comments may be submitted via e-mail to [staff@zoning.gov.mp](mailto:staff@zoning.gov.mp), via US mail to Call Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

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## NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING for Rigel Corporation

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this Conditional Use application. Mr. Manuel J. Alvarez is requesting to construct institutionalized housing and expand an existing warehouse. This property is described as Lot 011 D 25 in the Village of Garapan. This is at the intersection of Moety Street with Natdo and Chichirica Avenues. The site is zoned as "Mixed Commercial".

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## Too many designations in the kitchen

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This month, UNESCO is expected to designate for the first time one or more of the world's culinary traditions as an "intangible cultural heritage." The cultural category, established in 2003 as a supplement to the better-known category of "tangible heritage" (castles, cities, landscapes), was created to protect traditions in the developing world by encouraging tourism. Already the tango, Croatian lace-making and Sardinian pastoral songs have been chosen.

This year the leading culinary contenders—both repeat applicants—appear to be Italy, Greece, Spain and Morocco for the "Mediterranean diet," and Mexico for the indigenous cuisine of certain villages in the state of Michoacan. If UNESCO finally gives food the official heritage nod, it's likely that other organizations will follow its lead and make their own designations.

Should we cheer? Perhaps. It's good to see credit going to cooks who imbue a place with its identity, to make explicit what we all know—that cuisine is more than just ingredients and processes protected by denominations of origin; it's the totality of the eating tradition. And if recognition boosts tourism, which is what the heritage industry is all about, then that's good too.

At first blush, the UNESCO project for culinary heritage seems so self-evidently a good thing that only a grinch could grumble. On closer examination, though, it's plagued with problems, not the least of which is the very possibility of preserving cuisines.

Take the cuisines of the Mediterranean. In prehistory, these were based on barley bread and porridge. In the Roman Empire, the cuisine changed to one based on wheat bread, fish sauce and salted meats and cheeses. With the spread of Christianity and Islam, the cuisines north and south of the sea diverged, with Christians emphasizing pork, lard and fish, and Muslims eschewing pork and wine and favoring sheep fat. In the 18th century, tomatoes began creeping into the diet and low-acid olive oil became popular among the upper classes. A century later, new national cuisines were created as Italy was unified and the Ottoman Empire broke up. That there was something called a "Mediterranean diet" that unified these changing, competing cuisines was given currency only in 1975. Its originator was an American scientist, Ancel Keys (developer of the balanced ration for soldiers in World War II, named K-rations in his honor), who published a book with his wife, Margaret, titled "How to Eat Well and Stay Well the Mediterranean Way."

A similar process applies to the corn, beans and chilies that the Conservatorio de la Cultura Gastronomica Mexicana, the group promoting Mexican cuisine to UNESCO, identifies as the unchanging foundations of Mexican cuisine from its pre-Hispanic past. Yet the people in the territory that is now Mexico have been eating bread, noodles and rice for about 500 years, and their signature dish—mole—has roots in the Islamic cuisine of medieval Spain. To exclude these contributions to Mexican culinary heritage is to write out much of the country's history and many of its people. To try to freeze the cuisines in time is like commanding the tide to stand still.

Even if it were possible to stem the tide of culinary change, it's not clear it would be desirable. People change their diets for good reasons, including access to new ingredients and

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## How I voted (with disability issues in mind)

Politics, particularly in an impassioned, small-community environment like ours, is a slippery slope. Professionally speaking, it could be damaging to speak out either in support of or against a particular candidate in the sense that not everyone who works together will share the same views. So, any expression of those views really only serves to divide an otherwise close-knit group of co-workers. Beyond that, of course, is the simple fact that the people in charge, you know, the ones with the fancy titles and daunting authority to boot, do wield an inherent potential for intimidation, whether they mean to or not. People generally do not want to openly contradict the boss (that's generally speaking though because I do think that most, if not all, of the NMPASI staff would have no qualms about telling me where I can shove my opinions if they don't agree...but, that's just how we roll).

On a personal level, I have friends and/or family in just about every one of the political camps, so it behooves me to stay neutral. As for the candidates themselves, I can actually say that I have personally met each of them and truth be told, my personal impressions of each and every one of them is positive. Despite party affiliations and whatever other political factors involved, these gentlemen are leaders in their own rite and in their own unique ways.

That being said and to be more specific and true to my job at hand, which is to promote awareness about issues related to the needs of individuals with disabilities, I offer my perspective and partial reasons for how I voted with DISABILITY in mind (in order of prescribed lineup on the election ballots):

**No. 1 Jesus C. Borja:** I'd say of all the candidates, Mr. Borja is the one with whom I am least familiar with except by name (being that he was our lieutenant governor in the past and a justice of the courts) and a very brief handshake many years ago. Still, he may be the one among them whom I see around town the most often. For a while every time I'd see him out with his wife, whether it be at a restaurant or at the Flame Tree Festival, they'd have in their company a lady who uses a wheelchair. I don't know their relationship to the lady, but she was obviously someone they cared deeply about, judging from the care and gentleness they presented when assisting her. Please understand, I do not mean to over-glorify the notion of assisting an individual with a disability, but the point is this: In a community, where all too often people, particularly the older generation of islanders, tend to believe that individuals with disabilities should be left at home, Mr. Borja took it upon himself to ensure that at least one lady with a disability be included in their community outings. You see, we believe that people with disabilities should be able to participate in a life outside the confines of their house. For that I admire, albeit from a distance, Mr. Borja and his wife.

**No. 2 Joseph Norita Camacho:** Joe, as I have come to call him, and his wife, Viola, are advocates (literally lawyers by trade, but more importantly staunch supporters and voices for issues relating to the needs of people with disabilities). As such, Joe serves on the board of directors for NMPASI. More specifically Joe, in his capacity as a board member for NMPASI, is one of my bosses, which, in

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light of my previous statement about people generally not wanting to contradict their bosses, is no small point. But the thing is, despite what we read in the papers/blogs about the "Carolinian mafia" and the Covenant Party intimidation tactics, I have never so much as felt any sense of pressure or misdirected motives from Joe as a board member. It seems in all actuality that he, and his wife who also served a brief stint on our board some years back, only want to carry out their fiduciary duties and do right by the disability-related programs we administer and the people with disabilities we serve. For that I admire Mr. Camacho and his wife.

**No. 3 Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan** — Congressman Sablan has a way of making you feel like you're the only, most important person in the world when he talks with you. I most certainly don't have the stature for such an honor, but that's how he is and that's the way he's always treated me on the several occasions I have had to sit and talk with him. The most recent of these meetings was in his Washington, D.C. office discussing our needs with respect to the Help America Vote Act and other local programs for the CNMI community. Additionally, I know him to be personally vested in the cause for individuals with disabilities as he himself served as a consumer member and chair of the State Rehabilitation Council prior to being elected to office. I don't know the full nature of his disability, but I do know that he took on the personal initiative to ensure that a disability would not hinder his ability to be employed. You see, all people with disabilities should be aggressively seeking opportunities to work and there are services available to assist in that endeavor. There is no limit to the kinds of jobs people with disabilities can hold, if they work for it. It seems Congressman Kilili is a living testament to that fact. For that, I admire Congressman Sablan.

**No. 4 Juan Nekai Babauta:** Former Governor Babauta is another one of those people who has a knack for making the least significant person feel important when meeting with him. I suppose that is self-evident from his unprecedented success as a politician. Still, what comes to mind about him, in particular, are his recent efforts to promote issues related to the needs of people with disabilities through at least one issue of his *Homeland Magazine*. Mr. Babauta wrote some very informative articles for which he personally researched through (among other things) interviews with a number of us who work in the field. Anyone who took the time to read his articles would know that he is someone either with a significant

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# My position on profit, part 1

So, here I am encouraging you to turn your passion into profit, while every now and then, if you read my column, you'll hear my ethical opposition to capitalism and its effect on the world. Is there a contradiction here? Perhaps, but first some definitions are in order.

## Capitalism defined

"Capitalism" is defined in the textbooks [and wikipedia] as: "*an economic system in which the means of production are privately owned and operated for a private profit; decisions regarding supply, demand, price, distribution, and investments are made by private actors in the market rather than by central planning by the government; profit is distributed to owners who invest in businesses, and wages are paid to workers employed by businesses and companies.*"

The operative word in that definition is "profit." In capitalism, the motive for producing goods and services is to sell them for a profit, not to satisfy people's needs. The capitalist's prime directive could be stated as:

*"We do WHAT we do, we do all that we CAN do, and we do what we MUST do, in order to earn a profit. Nothing else matters."*

This is a very important point to file away in your mind for future reference.

## Capitalism practiced

With that said, what we commonly experience as the effects of capitalism, and the profit motive behind it, is a bit less clinical, and has very noticeable and often severe consequences. Admittedly, people on various ends of the ideological spectrum will define capitalism and its effects quite differently. Here's my take on some of the distinguishing features of capitalism as practiced in our society.

### 1. Exploitation/class distinction

The capitalist exploits the wage earner for her labor and pays her the lowest wage possible as a percentage of the value she creates for the private capitalist owners. In a capitalism-as-practiced system, you can never be paid the true value of your time and labor. That would negate the whole profit motive.

Similarly, the land and its natural resources are exploited by capitalists who take, deplete and destroy, but rarely replenish.

As a result of the exploitation of people and the planet, capitalism, as it is allowed to be practice, invariably creates a working class and a capitalist class—i.e. the "have nots," and the "haves."

### 2. No real value created

The most glaringly obvious fallacy of the whole system is that in the greater scheme of this concept we call life on the planet, there's

no real value being created by capitalism-as-practiced. In other words, there's activity, there's distraction, there's buying and selling, and what passes for economic growth, to be sure, but very little of real value is transferred from seller to buyer.

There's no inherent value to a high-priced luxury car that costs \$200,000, is there? Its value is a figment of one's imagination. The seller has convinced you that you need such an extravagance. The buyer is convinced that he does.

Even among the basics of food, clothing and shelter, the value in most of the things we strive for are totally contrived! About 99 percent of what exists to be sold in the average supermarket has no real value. The frozen dinners, the canned goods, the preserved, colored, flavored, pesticide-sprayed food has limited nutritional value and is, in many cases, actually harmful to your health—it is destructive and has negative value. However, these products were all created, harvested or using the time and labor of individuals who are paid a minimum wage, and the resources of the land, which is exploited but not replenished. In other words, the things of real value that we have (our time, labor and the planet's resources) are traded for, or converted into these things of contrived, imaginary value, and are then sold to us for more than the real value used to create them...for the ultimate benefit of the private capitalist owners.

## Capitalism in a nutshell

So, essentially, you have an economic system and a way of life fueled by advertising which encourages consumerism, and that consumerism is based on the desire for non-essential goods of imaginary (and even negative) value, all built on the premise of exploitation.

Said another way: In order to survive, people are convinced to trade their most valuable asset of real value—their time—for pieces of paper of fluctuating, and ever-decreasing value, so that they can purchase things of lower and negative value that they and others have created. To keep the whole system going, they are encouraged to buy things they do not need, to eat food that provides no health benefits, and to drive cars that pollute the air, and wear clothes that are all produced in ways that exploit those who do the work to create them, that deplete the Earth's natural resources and ultimately lower the quality of life for the planet's inhabitants.

## But it's all prosperity, isn't it?

At this moment, I'm looking out of my hotel room at a high-rise building construction in a huge lot across the street. There's the buzz of activity that says capitalism all over it.

Let's assume it's a hotel. Is this a sign of prosperity? Sure, every-

works) under dazed leadership. Hardship, riddled with joblessness and hopelessness, has gradually set in.

Hopelessness is when one can't find meaningful employment anywhere and have simply given up. Many of our people are into this troubling dilemma. You ponder the future in the sea of uncertainty, hoping it's just a bad dream. It isn't!

I could sense deepening anger in every corner of this archipelago. But we still tread stealthily toward a volcanic eruption, convinced we could ignore it. How could we have braved it when we are right in the midst of its presence? The ugly and fatal magma of reality is steadily moving our way.

Those with "essential" government jobs may be lucky. The "non-essentials" whose working hours have been cut are not quite so lucky. Most would face reduction-in-force when local revenues can no longer scaffold a bloated payroll. Paradise would see, for the first time in its history, a wasteland of unemployment for thousands of workers.

City Hall has a lot on its plate, including the placement (in private industries) of public sector employees who would be terminated. But the other side isn't ready to absorb any large group of displaced workers, given that it too had to endure cuts to skeletal level to stay afloat.

Geniuses at the Legislature may attempt to impose additional taxes against small businesses. That would only hasten the closure of more businesses—businesses the NMI direly needs to collect its annual revenues. This as we head into the holiday season of shredded dreams.

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The minimum wage debate in the U.S. Congress simply failed to consider its impact on U.S. territories. Gerard Finin, deputy director of the East-West Center's Pacific Islands Development Program, said the debate doesn't necessarily translate to the mainland U.S. debate because a huge proportion of workers in the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa are guest workers, brought in under the territories' immigration rules. He said these foreign guest workers are the ones who are most likely benefiting from the minimum wage.

"Sometimes, the debate is framed as one where it's helping local residents, and I sometimes question that," he said.

Still, he said, it makes sense to eventually have the territories reach the same wage floor as the rest of the U.S.—as long as it's

## THE SAIPANPRENEUR PROJECT *Creating economic success for the CNMI*

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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one benefits in some way. Architects and engineers are rewarded for their design. Construction workers earn a salary. Suppliers sell their lumber and concrete. The owners of neighboring restaurants and shops benefit from the mealtime activity. Furthermore, when the hotel opens, even more workers are employed, and the city's leaders can boast that the economy is boosted based on the number of jobs created. Hotel profits increase, shareowners reap dividends, and everybody's happy! That's prosperity, isn't it? Perhaps. But, look, there's a flaw in the foundation.

## The foundational flaws

There are a few beliefs and practices I've identified that point to flaws in the foundation of capitalist thinking

1. I've already alluded to one: the concept that no exchange of real value is required to be successful at capitalism. This violates a basic ethical principle of true prosperity that requires that equivalent value be exchanged such that both parties benefit.

2. Infinite growth. Economic growth in capitalism-as-practiced is based on the belief that every month and every quarter, the capitalist corporation can (and must) post higher and higher profits. This is flawed thinking. You cannot sustain infinite growth on a planet with finite resources. Something has to give.

So, how do we reconcile our wish to turn our passions into profit, without violating our ethics, and/or without falling into the trap of an essentially flawed business premise? Next week: The Passion Prosperity Reconcile.

Send article suggestions, entrepreneur nominations and feedback about this article to [walt@passionprofit.com](mailto:walt@passionprofit.com).

# Of shredded dreams

A fairly large number of our people have left home in search of "greener pasture" elsewhere. It is a sad and troubling chapter in our developmental history. It is a phenomenon that would reverberate in the minds of many as the decade when dreams of living in paradise were shredded beyond recognition.

Sad in the sense that we've forced them to leave home; troubling because we've failed to create a paradise of opportunities for them and everyone else.

Working families have withdrawn their retirement contributions and have moved to Guam, Honolulu and the U.S. mainland. I've quietly talked to them if only to understand their reasons for leaving home. Most aren't ready to sink into the abyss of the Ring of Fire found in the Marianas Trench. "There's nothing here JR for my family"

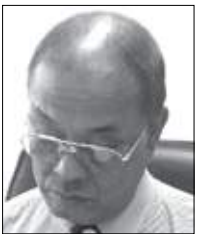
These folks are saying that the cumulative failure of leadership has sent them packing and aren't ready to dig their own graves. Initially, I dismissed it as a family decision solely based on something different from the stuffy living room of home. But it was a serious decision in search of jobs, a decent environment, and better educational opportunities for their children. Having to deal with potential joblessness would be devastating for many of them. A decision to leave is their best and last option.

Fortunately, these families included those in the military who have used their career to bring everybody under a single roof. Others have used entitlement programs (far superior in other U.S. jurisdictions than the NMI) as temporary support. Eventually, they'd find jobs to provide basic family needs the old fashioned way.

We wish them well as they make the transition in their new place. Many are likely to stay away from home for years to come. Returning home would be a quick visit to renew acquaintances with family clan. After that, they'd return to the U.S. to continue career improvements and livelihood where there's room for everyone willing to put in the time and sacrifice.

You can interpret these relocations anyway you wish. But it is in fact a phenomenon where the dreams of living at home with real opportunities have been shredded by dystopia (place where nothing

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done at the right pace.

"Ultimately, I believe that the minimum-wage laws should apply to the entire U.S. but I think there may be a need for some breathing room in the process. That's what this legislation will allow for," he said. Indeed, at times it is most fitting for Uncle Sam to listen to his people, for it is in small town America and territories where the pinch is hardest felt and not in the mindless halls of Congress.

## HOW

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amount of inherent knowledge of the issues or a noteworthy ability to research and compile information for dissemination. For that, I admire Mr. Babauta as well.

As for who I voted for (?)...well, that's for me to know. But, regardless of who got my vote, the winner of this election will still be my congressman and, by virtue of the people's vote and my general respect for the democratic process, he will have my conditional support. May he be so inclined to *protect the civil, legal and human interests of people with disabilities* and to join in our efforts to ensure that they are free from abuse, neglect, and discrimination.






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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲85° ▼76°	▲85° ▼76°	▲86° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼79
Palau	Rain	▲86 ▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲83 ▼78
Pohnpei	Rain	▲87 ▼72
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲89 ▼75
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼78

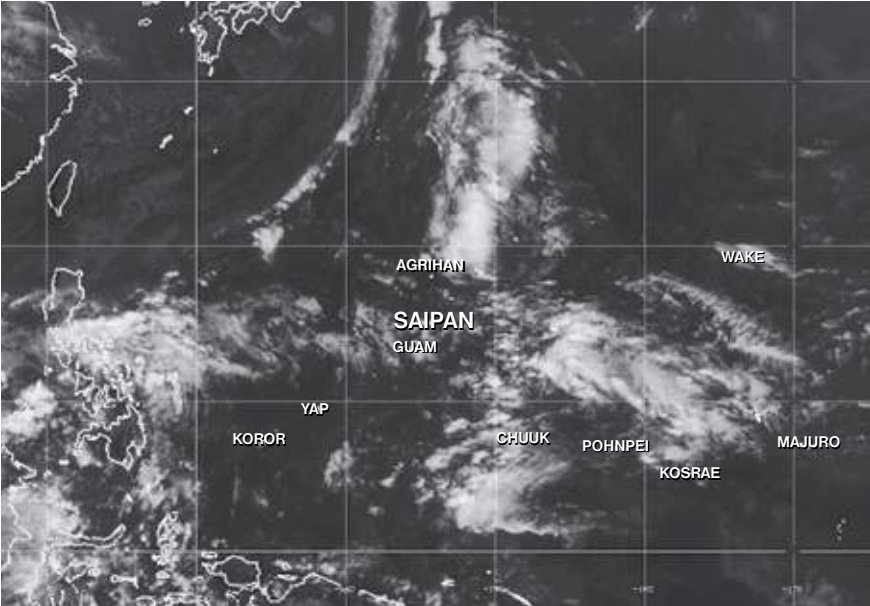
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲66 ▼54
Beijing	Sunny	▲65 ▼38
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲79 ▼57
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲84 ▼73
London	Cloudy	▲60 ▼56
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲93 ▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼74
New York	Sunny	▲54 ▼46
Osaka	Sunny	▲65 ▼51
Paris	Showers	▲60 ▼52
Pusan	Sunny	▲64 ▼49
Rome	Showers	▲71 ▼51
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲68 ▼46
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲78 ▼60
Seoul	Sunny	▲62 ▼45
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲61 ▼50
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲58 ▼51

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:47 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
10:48 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
4:59 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
11:46 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front curves southwestward from 25N143E to 23N140E then continues as a nearly stationary front to beyond 130E at 18N. Cloudiness and scattered showers are present southeast of Okinawa along and up to 80 miles northwest of this boundary. A surface trough extends northeastward from 2N141E to 14N152E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found east of Yap between 3N and 9N from 141E to 145E and also within a larger area bounded by a line from 18N151E to 13N143E to 8N148E to 10N163E back to 18N151E. Guam is located on the western edge of this area while Chuuk and Pohnpei lie near the southern edge of this area. Trade-wind convergence is producing showers and a few thunderstorms over Kwajalein and Majuro within 130 miles of a line from 9N162E to 7N168E to 9N180.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Thursday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Friday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Saturday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Sunday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:56 AM	3:14 PM
Thursday	3:55 AM	3:59 PM
Friday	4:55 AM	4:47 PM
Saturday	5:57 AM	5:39 PM
Sunday	6:59 AM	6:33 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:10am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	Daily	DL286	3:50pm	8:25pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:00pm	12:30am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:10pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09317/891	2:45am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/286	7:55am	8:25pm	Daily via NRT
DL285/173	6:40am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09313/893	7:55am	10:10pm	3 via GUM-Palau	OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
			via GUM	OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM-Palau
			via GUM				
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	5 via GUM-Palau	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:50am+1	6 via GUM-Palau
OZ606/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	PR110/C0596	10:00pm	7:25am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	3, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ604/721	2:10am	12:00am	1 via ICN	OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:40am	12:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ606/723	3:20pm	10:35pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN				
				C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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## O P I N I O N

## Letters to the Editor

## Plea for assistance

Dear people of the Commonwealth: My name is Joe Diaz. I am the head coach for the Rollers Basketball Club. Our club has been in existence since 1999. For the past 10 years we've been able to nurture and provide a safe haven for boys and girls to enjoy and participate in the sport of basketball.

I'm proud to say that in addition to playing terrific ball, our kids grow up into responsible young adults via the other extracurricular activities we have such as beach cleanups, park rehabilitations, and other volunteerism projects that we participate in.

One of the most anticipated events that a "Rollers" team member looks forward to is the chance to play against Guam and our other island neighbors.

The kids meet new people and learn new skills when we participate in these tournaments.

The Rollers Basketball Club has been invited to the TakeCare 2010 Hoopfest Basketball Tournament, to be held in Guam from Nov. 18 to the 30<sup>th</sup>.

So far, we've raised 90 percent of our money needed from generous sponsors and supporters. With that, I graciously thank all of you that have contributed to this upcoming trip.

However, we are lacking \$800 more to fulfill our needed financial requirements in order to make this trip possible. I am pleading for assistance from anybody who can kindly help these children. Most of them have never left Saipan and have been looking forward to this chance. Each year the parents

and coaching staff/management of the Rollers team try their hardest each day to raise and even work for the money so that the kids can go down to Guam. But, in these last two weeks prior to the tournament our options have been exhausted. With this I kindly ask for the community's assistance in helping us raise the lacking \$800 to make this trip viable. We are 132 members strong and are willing to work for this money. Please contact me at (670) 483-1791 for more information, or email me at joediaz41@gmail.com Please, help us send our lone Saipan team down to Guam to represent.

**Joe Diaz**  
Head coach  
Rollers Basketball Club

## Change

In a very short time, President Obama catalyzed change...

1. Restored America's image around the globe.
2. Stopped the free fall of the American economy.
3. Continues to draw down the misbegotten war in Iraq.
4. Thoughtfully and decisively picked the best of several bad choices regarding the war in Afghanistan.
5. Put the USA squarely into the middle of the international effort to halt global warming and is leading us to green America.
6. Did what had to be done to start the slow, torturous and almost impossible process of health care reform that seven presidents before him had failed

to even begin.

7. Stopped the free fall of job losses.

8. Won the Nobel peace prize.

9. Stood up for educational reform.

10. Put the USA back into the bilateral communication with the international community.

11. Gave a major precedent-setting speech supporting gay rights.

12. Banned torture of American prisoners and moved the trial of terrorists back into the American judicial system of checks and balances.

13. Showed that he could not only make the tough military choices but explain and defend them.

14. Showed courage in the

face of an over-the-top (sometimes armed) far right opposition and slanders from both right (Tea Party—individually called Tea Bags) and left.

15. Forced BP to take full responsibility for the worst oil spill in history.

16. Acknowledged SVES invitation to visit.

17. In all, said "yes" to "one nation under God with liberty and justice for all."

**Don Cramer**  
Washington

**John Cock**  
North Carolina

**Jaime Vergara**  
Marianas

## TOO

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technologies, the appeal of variety and improved nutrition.

In the Roman Empire, people shifted from barley to wheat because they preferred raised bread to barley bannocks. Centuries later, tomatoes and dried pasta opened up a world of quick sauces and a delicious, near-instant staple with a long shelf life. New techniques make kitchen life less laborious as well. Grinding wet corn for tortillas the traditional way—on the knees, pushing stone across stone—was five hours of exhausting, arthritis-inducing hard labor for Mexican village women. Only in recent generations have electric mills and instant mixes relieved women of this drudgery. Mexican women agree with critics who protest that the tortillas do not taste as good. But the choice is worth it, they argue, because they can spend more time with their children, make crafts for sale or take a job so their children can stay in school. Why should they be

denied that option? Let's record and remember their labor, not preserve it.

Compounding the problems of viability and desirability that dog the UNESCO project is the fog that obscures how culinary traditions are to be selected, adjudicated, administered and monitored. Candidates seem to be picked by lobbying groups. They apparently choose the projects, get permission from the chosen community and endorsements from their national governments, and then deliver the paperwork to UNESCO. Who funds this and why is obscure.

Then a committee in Paris chosen from member states, expert or not in culinary matters, judges the proposal. In a recent article, the Economist called for the annual meetings of the older World Heritage program, including the proposals and the constitution of the committee, to be thrown open to the public. Surely this should apply to the intangible heritage program as well.

So what seems at first to be a careful selection of some of

the world's greatest culinary traditions turns out on inspection to be a process of dubious intellectual worth, clouded and probably politicized decision-making, and poised to become marshaled in support of a knee-jerk nationalism. UNESCO's program is just the latest in a series of efforts to give form and shape to a pervasive culinary nostalgia, the disquieting feeling that somewhere, sometime, food was better, tastier, more natural and more healthful, that there was a Mediterranean diet or a Mexican cuisine untarnished by migrants, industrialism and change.

Like "authentic," "terroir," "slow" and "local"—all used to try to pin down our yearnings, each catching the mood of the moment—culinary tradition as intangible heritage turns out upon examination to be not quite up to the job demanded of it.

*Rachel Laudan is a historian and writer based in Mexico City and a contributor to ZesterDaily.com, where a longer version of this appears.*

## LOCAL



## Pastors Appreciation Month

Happy Pastors' Appreciation Month to Eric Abragan, Sharon Abragan, and Cherlyn Cabrera. Thank you for your love, care, dedication, and commitment. From your Life In The Son Christian Fellowship family.

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Graduates of the Every Nation Ministries Biblical Foundation Class. Congratulations from your Life In The Son Christian Fellowship family.

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## Beach Cleanup

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A group of Filipino guest workers will team up with Max Aguon to clean up the beach area from Sugar Dock to the back of Aquarius Beach Tower on Saturday, Nov. 6. The next cleanup activity will be on Nov. 20. All interested individuals are welcome to join this cleanup drive, which will start at 7am.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday greetings go out to si Miss Maganda, Joan Oliverio of Trendz Beauty Salon in San Jose, who is celebrating his birthday today, Nov. 3. Today is your day to shine as every day should be. May you have a beautiful and memorable day! Greetings come from your Trends Beauty Salon family, your friends, and clientele.

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A happy birthday shoutout goes out to Anigonia "Nannerz" Quitugua, who is celebrating her birthday today, Nov. 3! May you have an awesomely wonderful day! Cheers to another year, girl! Party like the rock star that you are! Much love coming out from your brother Charisma, and all your family and friends!



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Double happy birthday greetings go out to a dynamic mother-and-son duo, Raena and Reggie Celis IV, who celebrate their birthdays today, Nov. 3! Much love and may the both of you be blessed with many more birthdays to come! Greetings coming from cousin and Uncle Charisma and all of your family and friends!



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Happy, happy birthday greetings go out to Joan "Joanie" Torres Dubrall, who celebrates her birthday today, Nov. 3! May you have a fabulous day and may you be blessed with many more birthdays to come. With so much love coming from all your family and friends.



# 2010 Delegate Election



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan with his wife Andrea walk out of the polling station after casting their vote at Garapan Elementary School past 9am yesterday.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Republican delegate candidate and former governor Juan N. Babauta pose with Clyde Norita, right, the brother of another delegate candidate, Joseph N. Camacho of the Covenant Party, in San Roque near the GTC Elementary School polling place. Also in photo is Babauta's wife, Charlene, left.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Representatives Ramon Basa, fourth from left, and Frederick Deleon Guerrero, fifth from left, join supporters of former House floor leader Joseph N. Camacho in holding a roadside waving near the Kagman Community Center.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial gestures as he discusses a paper shown by Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao on a picnic table in front of Ada Gym yesterday morning. Also in the photo are first lady Josie Fitial, congressional candidate Joseph N. Camacho, and a supporter.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Two supporters of former lieutenant governor Jesus Borja wave to voters near the Kagman Community Center.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Former Northern Marianas College student Matthew Cabrera, and NMC students Micaela Demapan, middle, and Nicky Mikel show the CNMI Voting Accessibility Survey forms near the entrance of the police station at the Legislature building on Capital Hill.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Supporters of incumbent Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan pose for a photo near the Legislature.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Former representative Juan I. Tenorio, standing-second from left, joins other Republican Party members and supporters in the camp's tent in Tanapag yesterday afternoon.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Former speaker Arnold I. Palacios, right, fills out a survey form after voting at Garapan Elementary School while volunteer Northern Marianas College students look on yesterday morning. The survey asks people on their views about how to make polling places more accessible to people with disabilities.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Supporters of former governor Juan N. Babauta conduct a roadside waving near the Kagman Community Center.



# Business

## Fixing cargo security system would cost billions

**LONDON (AP)**—The technology exists to safeguard the world's air transport system against threats like the Yemen-based mail bombs, but the cost may be too high to be practical.

Analysts warn that the cost of screening every piece of air cargo in a bid to prevent terrorists from downing airliners might bankrupt international shipping companies, hobble already weakened airlines and still not provide full protection.

"In a worst case, it would stop world trade," said James Halstead, a longtime consultant with the Aviation Economics firm. "UPS and FedEx would probably go bust. We'd have a full-disaster scenario."

The cost of the extra effort, he said, "would be almost too much to consider."

Many countries already conduct extensive checks of cargo, Halstead said. But the increasingly sophisticated technology used by terrorist groups makes further refinements extremely difficult.

Authorities "do as much checking as they can in many places, but it's the danger of these small items that is the problem," he said.

The problem is compounded by the frequent use of passenger flights to carry cargo, some of which has not been properly screened.

In last week's narrowly averted plot, one device almost slipped through Britain and the other seized in Dubai was unwittingly flown on two passenger jets. Investigators were



A cargo plane is loaded at the FedEx distribution center at the International Cargo Airport in Cologne, western Germany, Monday Nov. 1, 2010.

still piecing together the potency and construction of the two bombs, which they believed were designed by the top explosives expert working for al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, the Yemen-based faction thought to be behind the plot.

More than half of the cargo flown into the United States comes via passenger planes, making cargo bombs a tempting way for terror groups to attack civilian passengers.

As of Aug. 1, all cargo on passengers planes in the U.S. is required to be screened. It's estimated that the new rule will cost \$700 million and require 9,000 employees in just the first year, according to the

Airforwarders Association.

Cargo flights departing for the U.S. from another country are handled differently. Currently, American authorities do not get details about what's on a cargo plane until four hours before it's supposed to land in the U.S. Once it lands, officials physically screen packages that warrant a closer look based on intelligence.

Jayson Ahern, former acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, said new rules should be adopted to ensure that the U.S. gets information on what cargo planes are carrying before they leave for the U.S.

Having the information before the plane leaves would

give officials a chance to flag packages that might require extra attention.

The Yemen-based branch of al-Qaida has expanded its use of PETN plastic explosives in the last year, posing severe detection problems, particularly in locations where shipping companies and airlines use older equipment to scan cargo.

Some next-generation machines can pick up traces of chemical explosives, but the costs are extremely high. Swabbing packages individually for explosives is considered the most effective way to scan, but that's not a practical option for the millions of packages that crisscross the globe every day.

### Sources: GM IPO expected to raise \$10 billion

**DETROIT (AP)**—The sale of General Motors stock is expected to raise about \$10 billion in an initial public offering that will reduce the U.S. government's stake in the automaker below 50 percent, three people briefed on the sale said Monday.

GM common stock is expected to sell for between \$26 and \$29 a share when the IPO takes place around Nov. 18, according to the three people, who asked not to be identified because they are not authorized to speak on the matter. That would value the company at more than \$46 billion—roughly on par with crosstown rival Ford Motor Co.

U.S. taxpayers, who bailed out GM last year, would see their ownership stake drop from 61 percent to around 43 percent, not including any extra allotment of shares bankers could offer to satisfy strong demand, the people said.

GM has wanted to shed government control, contending that it hurts the company's sales and public image. The government will get the lion's share of the \$10 billion and recoup another chunk of the cost of bailing out the automaker.

GM will not make any money from the sale of the 365 million common shares that make up the IPO. Instead, it will sell roughly \$3 billion worth of preferred

stock that will convert to common stock in 2013, the people said. Preferred shares pay a set dividend and are considered more like bonds. GM will use the money from the sale of preferred stock to repay loans and make pension payments.

Terms of the sale are not final because GM's board could still change them, one of the people said.

GM and its bankers will begin a "road show" to woo investors in the IPO later this week. The show, which could begin as early as Wednesday, will be aimed at hedge, pension and mutual funds, but presentations are expected for individual investors. Common shares worth roughly \$2 billion would be sold to investors in the Middle East, Europe and Asia, one of the people said.

The expected price range of the IPO is higher than a forecast given by GM Chairman Ed Whitacre last month. He said each share would sell for about \$20 to \$25.

Bankers leading the sale are recommending that the final share price be revealed Nov. 17 and the sale take place a day later, according to the people.

Companies generally hope that shares offered in an IPO rise to the high end of the range or above it, showing strong investor appetite.

## Interview hints

**Question:** I have really been surprised at the lack of understanding that most job applicants have about how to prepare for and conduct themselves in a job interview. Can you give them some hints?

Well, that's a request more than a question. However, it's relevant and timely, with all of the terminations and hour cuts that are taking place in Saipan's workplaces. In this short article we can just hit the basics.

If your job interview went like this, or you expect it to, then you probably don't need to read this article:

Hi, Frank. Your Mom tells me you're looking for a job.

That's right, Uncle Jack. Anything!

Well, you're in luck, we need a stocker. Go to the office, see your Auntie Rose and get a name tag, then go back to the stockroom and your cousin J.J. will show you what to do.

Most jobs, though, do start with a job interview and how prepared you are and how well you do usually determines whether or not you get the job. My friend, who suggested this topic, does a lot of interviewing and has noted the following problems:

**Timeliness:** Be there on time—be a little early, in fact. The interviewers have schedules and can't be expected to wait around for you. If a real emergency comes up, call and try to reschedule.

**Personal presentation:** Sure, an interview is stressful, but stay poised. Try to maintain a smile, be polite with a "Good morning, Sir," unless, of course, it's in the afternoon or it's a "Ma'am." Initiate the handshake, firm, not too hard, not wimpy, with those interviewers standing to greet you. If they are sitting, you generally don't shake hands. If an amen is due, perform it respectfully, and move on. Avoid family discussions. Maintain eye contact with whom you're talking without trying to stare them down. Don't come into the interview chewing gum—or betel nut!

**Grooming and dress:** Male or female, make sure your hair, whatever your style, is clean and neatly arranged. If you can, walk around the company a few days before the interview and see how the employees present themselves. Remember—companies can set grooming standards. Your appearance is the key to the interviewers' first impression. If you don't see piercings in the workplace—remove them for the interview until you find out their policy. If you are heavily tattooed, wear a long-sleeved shirt for the interview. Men should shave. Women should avoid heavy makeup or perfume. Demonstrate that the interview is an important event for you.

Saipan does not have a coat-and-tie work culture and even a tie is not expected, except possibly for professional or management positions. Island attire is fine, but remember that an interview is partially visual impression. Dress neatly and appropriately, as you would for a significant event. DO NOT come to the interview in tank top shirts or blouses, shorts, ragged or holed clothes (even expensive ones), or flip-flops. Dress within your means, but make sure it's neat, clean, and appropriate for a serious event.

**Preparation:** Take the effort to know about the company and the job for which you are applying. If you are presenting a resume, make sure it is up-to-date. If there is a cover letter, address it to the HR manager or the general manager. DO NOT address it "To Whom It May Concern." Know at a minimum what the company does, how large it is, name of the general manager, HR manager, and your prospective boss before you go in. Know as much as you can about the job for which you're being interviewed. Look the company up on the Internet—ask other employees about the company and the job. Be prepared to talk about your own work history, your strong points, your personal goals, and WHY YOU SHOULD BE HIRED FOR THE JOB. Take the interview seriously and prepare for it. Know what salary you will accept.

If you are interviewing for your first job or you don't have a lot of experience, stress your good points otherwise: your willingness and ability to learn and work hard, your timeliness, other things that you have done that required effort, commitment, and follow-through.

## HR MATTERS

By FRANK GIBSON

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Remember that you are interviewing for a particular company and job. You have to convince the interviewer that you want to work for that company and do that job. Never say or give the impression that you just need and want a job, any job (even if it's true).

Be honest at all times and don't exaggerate about your work history. Also, don't down-talk your previous employers. Remember—this is a small community and they probably know each other and may already know the other side of the story. Speak clearly and loud enough to be heard. Answer questions honestly and, if you don't know the answer, say so. Don't talk outside your knowledge. Ask good questions and say "thank you" at the end of the interview.

Remember—prepare ahead of time. Look good. Show confidence. Be honest. Give good answers and ask good questions. Say "Thank you." Remember—only one person gets the job. A good interview will help to make that person "you."

The information contained in this column is intended as general information only. Readers should obtain professional advice before taking action with respect to their individual situations. Readers may submit questions regarding human resource issues to [hrrsupportcnmi@gmail.com](mailto:hrrsupportcnmi@gmail.com) or [editor@saipantribune.com](mailto:editor@saipantribune.com).



# Nation

## GOP upbeat, Dems brace for losses on election eve

WASHINGTON (AP)—A takeover of the House in sight, Republicans brimmed with confidence while Democrats braced for losses on the eve of recession-era elections for control of Congress and dozens of statehouses. “The American people are in charge,” declared GOP leader John Boehner, vowing to shrink the size and cost of government if his party wins power on Tuesday.

Favorites and underdogs alike went through their final campaign paces on Monday, beckoning voters to turn out in the small towns of swing House districts and the large urban centers where statewide races are won and lost.

“It does us no good that people are supporting us if they don’t turn into voters,” said Marco Rubio, a Republican rated a strong favorite for a Senate seat in a tangled multi-candidate race in Florida.

“When people vote, we win,” said Sen. Blanche Lincoln, an Arkansas Democrat whose re-election bid was written off weeks ago by strategists in her own party.

President Barack Obama was home from the campaign trail at the White House after a weekend rush through four states. In an interview with radio host Michael Baisden, he backtracked from previous comments, criticized by Republicans, in which he said Latino voters should punish their “enemies” at the polls. He said he should have used the word “opponents” instead.

The president traveled to 14 states in the final month of the campaign, some of them twice, in a bid to rekindle the



Senator Lisa Murkowski (R) Alaska, gestures during a rally at her campaign headquarters Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, in Anchorage, Alaska.

enthusiasm of young voters, liberals, blacks and independents whose ballots propelled him to the White House.

Vice President Joe Biden campaigned in Vermont, where a close gubernatorial election loomed, before heading to his home state of Delaware—one of the few bright spots on the Democratic map this year.

There was little or no doubt that Republicans would pick up seats in a campaign their leaders cast as a repudiation of the president’s policies.

But in the Senate, in particular, the size of the gains depended on the fate of several tea party-backed candidates who toppled establishment candidates in the primaries and now face statewide

electorates. Most prominent among them are Rand Paul in Kentucky and Sharron Angle, who is challenging Majority Leader Harry Reid in Nevada.

“This election is entirely about him and this big majority in Congress and what they’ve been doing for the last two years,” Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said

## US officials say dry run likely preceded bomb plot

WASHINGTON (AP)—American intelligence officials tracked and intercepted three suspicious packages in mid-September that they now suspect were sent to the U.S. as a dry run for the mail bomb scheme unleashed last week, a U.S. official said Monday.

The official also disclosed that both mail bombs, one recovered in Dubai and the other in Britain on Friday, were wired to detonators that used cell phone technology. It still was not clear whether those detonators would have been set off by telephone calls or by an internal alarm.

Before the September shipments reached their destinations in Chicago, U.S. authorities seized and searched the boxes. They removed “papers, books and other materials” that now appear to have been sent by the Yemeni militant group al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula to test the logistics of the air cargo system, the official said.

“We received information several weeks ago that potentially connected these packages to AQAP. The boxes were stopped in transit and searched. They contained papers, books, and other materials, but no explosives,” said the official, who was familiar with details of the shipments and spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss classified intelligence.

The apparent dry run was first disclosed Monday night by ABC News.

The official said authorities, already aware of the militants’ interest in striking at aviation, “obviously took notice”

this past weekend and considered the likelihood that the militants might have extended their threat to the cargo system.

“When we learned of last week’s serious threat, we recalled the incident and factored it in to our government’s very prompt response,” the official said.

The threat last week came in the form of explosive devices hidden in the toner cartridges of computer printers. Investigators have centered on the Yemeni al-Qaida faction’s top bombmaker, who had previously designed a bomb that failed to

go off on a crowded U.S.-bound passenger jetliner last Christmas.

This time, authorities believe that master bomb maker Ibrahim al-Asiri packed four times as much explosives into the bombs hidden last week on flights from Yemen. The two bombs contained 300 and 400 grams of the industrial explosive PETN, according to a German security official, who briefed reporters Monday in Berlin on condition of anonymity in line with department guidelines.

By comparison, the bomb stuffed into a terrorist suspect’s underwear on the Detroit-bound plane contained about 80 grams.

“It shows that they are trying to again make different types of adaptations based on what we have put in place,” said John Brennan, President Barack Obama’s counterterrorism adviser. “So the underwear bomber, as well as these packages, are showing sort of new techniques on their part. They are very innovative and creative.”

## Appeals court hints at tossing part of Arizona law

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Arizona’s immigration law faced tough scrutiny from a federal appeals panel Monday as the state’s governor appeared in person to support the controversial provision on the day before the election in which she’s seeking her first full term.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals signaled it was ready to toss out the provision of Arizona’s law that criminalizes the failure to carry immigration papers showing lawful residency in the United States.

But the three-judge panel didn’t tip its hand over which way it was leaning on other provisions of the state law that touched off a national furor when Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed it April 23. The federal government filed a lawsuit soon after to invalidate the measure.

U.S. Deputy Solicitor General Edwin Kneedler argued Monday that the provisions in question violate

laws making immigration enforcement the exclusive domain of the federal government.

Among the provisions at issue is the requirement that police—when enforcing other laws—must question the immigration status of people they have reason to suspect are in the country illegally.

“It’s how the state wants to use its people,” said Judge Carlos Bea, appointed to the bench by President George W. Bush. “The state can turn over an illegal to federal officials.”

Kneedler responded that requiring local law enforcement officials to check the immigration status of everyone they suspect as being an illegal immigrant takes away from their investigatory discretion. He also said the law intrudes upon foreign policy and diplomacy, areas that are left for the federal government.

“If every state did this, we would have a patchwork of law,” Kneedler said.

Arizona’s legislature passed the law after years of complaints that the federal government hasn’t done enough to lessen the state’s role as the nation’s busiest illegal entry point. Its passage ignited protests, with thousands taking to the streets of Phoenix saying the law would lead to racial profiling. The law prompted lawsuits from the U.S. Justice Department, civil rights groups and other opponents seeking to throw it out.

Less than a day before the law was to take effect, U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton blocked key provisions, including a requirement that immigrants carry immigration papers. On Monday, Bea told Kneedler “I don’t think you have to spend a whole lot of time” arguing the unconstitutionality of that provision.

in an interview with The Associated Press. “Having said that, the next move is really his. ... If he pivots and heads in our direction on spending and debt, that will be a good indication he’s listened to the American people.”

Boehner campaigned in his home state of Ohio, where Republicans hope to pick off as many as a half-dozen Democratic House seats and make him the country’s most powerful member of his party. He would be likely to become House speaker if the GOP takes control.

In remarks prepared for an evening rally in Cincinnati, he said, “Our first priority will be to create new jobs ... to get our economy moving again by ending the uncertainty facing small businesses.” He pledged weekly votes in Congress to cut federal spending, vowed to extend tax cuts due to expire at year’s end and said Republicans would “fight to repeal” Obama’s health care legislation and replace it with unspecified reforms.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Dad drives into LA home, killing his baby

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A young father deliberately slammed his pickup truck into the bedroom of his newborn daughter and her teen mother, killing both before witnesses rushed to free them from furniture and debris, police said Monday. The deadly crash came after Eduardo Villarreal, 21, got into an argument with the mother Sunday over custody of their 10-day-old baby at a family gathering, police said. Villarreal grabbed the infant and ran down a street before another family member caught up to him and persuaded Villarreal to give her back. He said he was going to harm himself and the girl, then “he took off to get his mind right,” police Detective Joe Rios said. Authorities said Villarreal returned moments later and aimed his speeding Cadillac Escalade at the house, hopped a curb and plowed into the bedroom. “He intentionally drove the vehicle into the house,” Deputy Chief Kirk Albanese said.

#### US man charged on Halloween with wearing mask

ZEBULON, North Carolina (AP)—A man faces charges of wearing a mask or hood in public after police arrested him on Halloween night and charged him under a rarely used old law designed to combat the Ku Klux Klan. The News & Observer of Raleigh reports that 20-year-old Lawrence Marquell Rogers was cited for wearing a red bandanna that police say concealed everything but his eyes. He was then arrested when he donned the garment again. The man was being held Monday in jail on a \$7,500 bond. The University of North Carolina School of Law says the 1953 ban on people 16 or older wearing masks or hoods was adopted to curtail the activities of the Ku Klux Klan, the secretive white supremacist group whose members wore distinctive pointed hoods to conceal their identities. At least 17 other states have similar laws.



# Asia

## Indonesian volcano forces flight cancellations



Mount Merapi spews volcanic ash before it erupts as seen from Cangkringan, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, Monday, Nov. 1, 2010.

**MOUNT MERAPI, Indonesia** (AP)—International airlines halted flights to airports near Indonesia's most dangerous volcano Tuesday, as fiery lava lit the rumbling mountain's cauldron and plumes of smoke blackened the sky.

Scientists warned, meanwhile, that the slow but deadly eruption could continue for weeks, like a "marathon, not a sprint."

No casualties were reported in Mount Merapi's latest blasts, which came as Indonesia struggled to respond to an earthquake-generated tsunami that devastated a remote chain

of islands. The two disasters unfolding in separate parts of the country have killed nearly 470 people and strained the government's emergency response network.

Indonesia, a vast archipelago of 235 million people, is prone to earthquakes and volcanos because it sits along the Pacific "Ring of Fire," a horseshoe-shaped string of faults that lines the western and eastern Pacific.

Merapi—one of 22 active earthquakes now on alert—has killed 38 people since springing

back to life just over a week ago, at times forcing the temporary closure of two nearby airports.

Officials in Yogyakarta, the gateway to the famed 9th-century Borobudur temples visited by 1 million tourists a year, and nearby Solo, have cited poor visibility and heavy ash on the runway.

Although operations were running normally Tuesday, Malaysia's budget airline AirAsia and Singapore's SilkAir for the first time announced the temporary suspension of international flights to those airports, 20 miles (30 kilometers) from the crater.

## Clinton says she expects Obama to stay the course

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday she expects President Barack Obama to stay the course on domestic and foreign policy even if Republicans make big gains, as expected, in hotly contested congressional midterm elections.

Clinton told students and civic leaders in Malaysia that she had spoken to Obama by

phone on the eve of the vote, and joked that she thought he seemed "a little envious" that she was abroad for an election that may see Democrats lose control of Congress.

"I think he was a little envious that I am here," Clinton said, describing the phone call she and Obama had at 1 a.m.—midday Monday on Washington time.

But she said that even if Dem-

ocrats lose control of Congress, the Obama administration will pursue its agenda.

"The political winds blow back and forth but I think you will find that President Obama is a pretty steady captain of the ship," Clinton said. "So no matter what happens in our election, you will see him ... continuing to promote his agenda, which I think is right for America and right for the world."

driver and the watchman feared he was going to escape, said community police chief Alexis Relado of central Cebu city's Parian district. So he grabbed him by the shirt and shot him, Relado said. Many street killings in the Philippines, including those of political activists and journalists, have been perpetrated by motorcycle-riding gunmen. Dozens of people were watching the filming of the British movie "Going Somewhere" late Saturday and they thought the shot they heard was part of the movie, Relado added.

### Japan dolphin hunt town has debate with activists

**TAIJI, Japan** (AP)—The tiny seaside town in Japan whose annual dolphin slaughter gained notoriety through the gruesome Oscar-winning documentary "The Cove" hosted an unprecedented meeting Tuesday between local officials and foreign environmentalists. But the carefully organized event in Taiji was given a jolt just before its scheduled start when Ric O'Barry, the dolphin savior star of the movie and a leading global dolphin activist, said he would not participate due to "severe restrictions on the Japanese and international media." Taiji's hunt each year draws a motley group of protesters who record the butchery and occasionally scuffle with local fishermen.

# World

## Beleaguered Haiti braces for possible hurricane

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti** (AP)—Haitians have yet another problem—a hurricane may hit this week, adding to the woes of a nation where cholera is spreading in the countryside and thousands upon thousands of earthquake survivors are still living in flimsy shelters.

A U.S. Navy vessel, the amphibious warfare ship Iwo Jima, was steaming toward Haiti on Tuesday to be on hand to provide disaster relief in case Tropical Storm Tomas appears late in the week as forecast, possibly after strengthening again into a hurricane.

Aid groups also are rushing to do what they can but are already short of needed supplies because of the strains of dealing with the catastrophe inflicted by the quake last Jan. 12.

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti** (AP)—A cholera outbreak that has killed more than

300 people in Haiti matches strains commonly found in South Asia, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Monday.

The finding intensifies scrutiny on a U.N. base above a tributary to the Artibonite River that is home to a contingent of recently arrived peacekeepers from Nepal, a South Asian country where cholera is endemic and which saw outbreaks this summer.

It is also a significant step toward answering one of the most important questions about the burgeoning epidemic: How did cholera, a disease never confirmed to have existed in Haiti, suddenly erupt in the vulnerable country's rural center?

There are shortages of 150,000 tarps as well as soap, hygiene kits, field tents, radios and oral rehydration salts for

treating cholera, U.N. Humanitarian Coordinator Nigel Fisher said in a statement.

"We need emergency shelter. We need water and sanitation supplies. And we need as much of it as possible in place before Hurricane Tomas hits," Fisher said.

Warehouses are being emptied of existing stocks of rope and tarps to help people in camps, said Imogen Wall, spokeswoman for the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Tomas would be the first major storm to strike Haiti since the earthquake killed as many as 300,000 people and forced millions from their homes. It would also be the first tropical storm or hurricane to hit since 2008, when the storms Fay, Gustav, Hanna and Ike battered Haiti in the space of a month, killing nearly 800 people and wiping out 15 percent of the economy.

## UK, France to pool defense assets, share costs

**LONDON** (AP)—Europe's two nuclear-armed powers will strike a deal Tuesday to share warhead testing facilities as the leaders of Britain and France finalize plans for unprecedented cooperation on defense and security.

British Prime Minister David Cameron and French President Nicolas Sarkozy will hold talks in London and pledge a new era of collaboration—seeking to bolster ties, but also spread the hefty costs of defense as their economies recover from the global financial crisis.

The continent's two largest military powers will also announce the formation of a joint expeditionary force—a pool of about 5,000 troops able to deploy together at short notice on peacekeeping, rescue or combat missions.

Senior British officials said the two countries will also

agree to some shared use of each other's aircraft carriers, meaning fighter jets from both countries will be able to land on vessels from either country—initially during training.

The two nations will cooperate on the development of new unmanned aerial drones, satellite communications and submarine technology. London and Paris are also likely to strengthen intelligence sharing under the deal, officials said.

"Britain and France do share a real interest here," Cameron told lawmakers on Monday. "There are many areas where we can work together and enhance our capabilities—and save money at the same time."

Last month, Britain announced an 8 percent cut to the annual 37 billion pound (\$59 billion) defense budget over four years and confirmed

17,000 troops, a fleet of jets and an aging aircraft carrier would all be lost to cuts.

Under the nuclear warhead plan, Britain and France will save money by sharing equipment and facilities at the U.K. Atomic Weapons Establishment in Aldermaston in southern England, and the Valduc facility, close to Dijon, southeast of Paris.

The French laboratory will host British defense scientists to carry out tests on their country's nuclear warhead stockpile—soon to be cut to 120. In return, French officials will be stationed at the U.K.'s facility to work on nuclear test technology.

Both nations are signatories to the U.N. nuclear test ban treaty, and so use laboratory tests on warhead components. Cost of building the French site, to be operative for several decades, will be shared equally.



### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### UN chief criticized for failing to press China

**BEIJING** (AP)—A human rights watchdog has slammed the U.N. secretary-general for failing to press China's president to release an imprisoned Nobel Peace laureate, accusing Ban Ki-moon of caring more about his own re-election than the protection of dissidents. Ban asked China to play a greater role in solving African crises during a meeting Monday with President Hu Jintao, but did not discuss the country's human rights record or its imprisonment of Liu Xiaobo. Rights advocates have urged Ban to join other world leaders in publicly expressing concern over Liu's imprisonment, as well as the treatment of his wife, Liu Xia, who has been under house arrest since the award was announced last month.

#### Actor mistaken for gunman killed in Philippines

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—A Philippine village watchman mistook an actor for a real masked gunman, jumped onto his moving motorcycle and fatally shot him in what witnesses thought was part of the filming, police and another actor said Monday. As the director shouted "Action!", actor Kirk Abella began to speed away on a motorcycle with a masked



### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Rights groups: Israel abused Palestinian detainees

**JERUSALEM** (AP)—Israel's internal security service violated the human rights of Palestinian detainees, two leading Israeli rights groups said in a report issued Tuesday. The report said the Palestinians are held in cramped, filthy cells, some with no windows and lighting that disrupts sleep. It said security agents bind detainees to chairs during lengthy interrogations and sometimes insult, threaten or hit them—procedures it said violate Israeli law. The Israeli Justice Ministry denied the charges, saying its procedures respect the law while seeking to prevent militant attacks on Israelis.

#### Mexico: 4 US citizens killed in separate attacks

**CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico** (AP)—Four U.S. citizens were shot to death in separate attacks in the border city of Ciudad Juarez, Mexican authorities said Monday. Chihuahua state prosecutors' spokesman Arturo Sandoval said Edgar Lopez, 35, of El Paso, Texas, was killed Sunday along with two Mexican men when gunmen opened fire

on a group standing outside a house. On Saturday, a 26-year-old U.S. woman and an American boy were slain shortly after crossing an international bridge from El Paso. Giovanna Herrera and Luis Araiza, 15, were shot to death along with a Mexican man traveling with them just after 11 a.m., Sandoval said.

#### UN calls on Ivory Coast to accept poll results

**ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast** (AP)—U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon called on rival parties in Ivory Coast on Monday to accept results from the West African nation's first election since civil war split the cocoa-producing country in half nearly a decade ago. Electoral workers began counting ballots shortly after polls closed Sunday, and have blamed logistic problems and heavy rains for delaying the release of an initial, preliminary tally. Ban appealed on candidates to "play their part in maintaining a calm environment," his spokesperson said in a statement. The U.N. chief also "urges them to accept the proclaimed and certified results, filing any complaints through the legally established mechanisms."



# Campus Life

## Indian cram school town redraws lines of success

**KOTA, India (AP)**—The teenage boy, with his gentle smile and scrabble of whiskers, stands in the fading light of the day and talks about the college entrance exam that he is certain will change his life.

His name is Vijay Singh. He has been studying since long before dawn, as he has done every day since he arrived in this low-slung city of high school dreamers on the edge of India's northern deserts.

Three months ago he left home, effectively dropped out of high school and entered a highly competitive Kota cram school. For eight months he will study—every morning, every night, every day of the week—for a six-hour test. If he does well, it will propel him up the Indian social ladder.

His target is the Joint Entrance Examination, a multiple-choice test that teases young Indians with the golden ticket of this country's educational system: acceptance to the impossibly exclusive Indian Institutes of Technology.

Imagine the entire Ivy League distilled into one small network of colleges. Imagine tens of millions of parents dreaming from their children's birth about the joy of acceptance. Imagine if there was no reliable second tier of science-oriented schools. That is the IIT.

Vijay Singh's mother is illiterate. His father, a retired soldier, never finished high school. His older brother is unemployed. In a country obsessed with status and bloodlines, he is from a caste officially termed an "Other Backward Class." Even in the small towns and ragged villages where the family carved out their lives, they didn't amount to much.

After Kota, he says, all that will change.

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Every year, more than 450,000 students take the IIT exam, hoping for entry to the hallowed public engineering institutes scattered across India. Slightly more than 13,000 passed in 2010, a 3 percent success rate that makes Harvard, with its 7 percent acceptance, look like a safety school.

And for generations, there was little surprise about who got in.

India is a nation where the concept of social mobility barely existed until the last two decades. So the children of farmers spent their lives tilling soil. The children of Indian professionals, by and large, became professionals too.

The IITs fit right in, as enclaves of the urban, the middle-class and the high-caste.

But over the past two decades, cracks have developed in India's centuries-old social system, forced open by one of the world's strongest economies.

Today, in a country where 300 million people live on less than \$1 a day, the economy is growing at nearly 9 percent and the rich shop for Porsches and Louis Vuitton purses. The number of Indian millionaires jumped by 51 percent last year, reaching more than 127,000.

Amid the explosion of wealth and the growing economic divide, such hard-wired traditions as arranged marriages and dowry payments are now openly questioned, at least among the educated elite. Tens of millions of villagers are pouring into cities for better paying jobs. A few dalits, as India's lowest-caste "untouchables" are now known, have reached corporate boardrooms.

In many ways, India has become a grand contradiction: a rapidly changing country where social mobility is possible, but still hobbled by deeply ingrained class attitudes.

Out of that contradiction has emerged the modern city of Kota and its biggest industry—cram schools.

Today, an estimated 40,000 students arrive here every year from across India to prepare for the IIT test.

They come because getting into IIT means family status and neighborhood bragging rights.



In this Thursday, Aug. 5, 2010 photograph, students attend a class at a cram school in Kota, India. AP

A degree from the institutes, which charge barely \$1,000 per year, can mean a lifetime of good-paying jobs, whether in engineering, software development or banking. IIT, perhaps more than anything else in modern India, has become the ultimate sign of success.

To critics, the cram schools are part of an educational system that leaves IIT students ill-prepared for anything more complex than memorization and prodigious work.

But about one-third of those who pass the IIT exam are believed to pass through Kota.

"The students think this and the parents think this: 'Once my child is in IIT, then his future is secure,'" says Pramod Maheshwari, the founder of Career Point, one of the city's largest cram schools, with 6,000 students preparing for the IIT exam.

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Walk up to nearly any student here, and you'll find a story of pressure and ambition.

"Everybody who comes is here to study," says Singh, whose outward gentleness only partly hides the relentlessness of his ambitions. He comes from a north Indian region best known for bandits and bad soil. He has no desire to return. "The people who come here are the best and I need to compete against the best."

He knows exactly what he would get from a diploma. "If I have been to IIT," he says, "people will look at me with dignity."

So he came to Kota.

A decade ago, this riverside town was known, if at all, for its vast textile mills and high-quality saris. Here power revolved around a handful of executives and the former royal family.

Today, it's an educational destination where ever-expanding schools battle for undeveloped lots, billboards herald the latest saviors ("Shervani Classes: Where Success Speaks for Itself!"), and hostels spill over with anxious students.

The town has no university, no research laboratory, no community of intellectuals. It doesn't have particularly good high schools.

What it has are cram schools.

Kota has more than 100 of them, from fly-by-night, one-teacher operations to marble-floored six-story institutions. It has become synonymous with IIT entry, drilling students in the brutal system of rote memorization at the core of the country's educational system.

As the Indian middle class has grown, cram schools—their proprietors prefer the term "coaching institutes"—have become commonplace. Every Indian city now has at least a couple. Most offer a few hours of classes per week.

But in Kota, it's complete immersion. Classes are normally held six days a week, with practice tests every fourth Sunday. That pace holds steady for the eight months leading up to the IIT exam.

It's a place where school grades, caste and family connections don't matter. If you can afford the fees (up to \$1,700) and pass the cram school's own entrance test (the top schools reject about 30 percent of applicants), you're in.

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The modern city of Kota began with V.K. Bansal, an industrial engineer who 30 years ago began tutoring students for the IIT exam. As one student after another passed, his fame—and Kota's—grew. School after school opened.

By the late 1990s, "Kota" was a brand. While most people come here hoping for IIT, there are cram courses to get just about anywhere, from medical school to the civil service academy.

Today, there are so many students that new hostels are built every few months, so many that there are bicycle traffic jams.

But it is a city made for rote learning.

It has no discos, no bar culture, no sports teams. With girls still just a small percentage of the population, both in Kota and at the IITs, the social whirl is nonexistent.

Kota is desperately dull. Deliberately dull.

"My father sent me here because he didn't want me to hang out with my friends, he didn't want me to have fun," says Prashanth Singh, leaving the Delight Cyber Cafe, where teenage boys played video games or watched B-movies with lots of bikinis and bouncing cleavage.

Once, Singh dreamed of becoming an airline pilot—Travel! Adventure! Stewardesses!—but his father thought differently.

"Engineering," his father said. And in the way of Indian families, Singh is now cramming for engineering. An afternoon physics class at Career Point, and the teacher walks back and forth on a small stage, speaking into a microphone headset and slowly repeating an explanation of the "maximum distribution of molecular speed." Behind him, a two-foot-long formula of numbers and symbols spills across the white board.

Over 100 students are jammed together onto metal benches, sitting beneath fluorescent tubes that spray a sickly yellow light. Vijay Singh is there, one more silent teenager frantically writing.

Monsoon rains have cooled the worst of the summer heat, but it's stuffy inside and the room smells like a high school locker room.

After the teacher has repeated the definition three times in English, he goes back and explains it in Hindi to make sure everyone understands. No one here is talking about Nobel Prizes or making contributions to science. In Kota, the dream is more prosaic: a steady job, respectability, a decent salary.

Even the people running the cram schools admit that.

"Our objective is to get students into IIT," says Maheshwari. "If examination papers were being set to test critical thinking, the coaching institutes would put effort into developing students' critical thinking. But if the exam system is based on rote learning, then coaching institutes will concentrate on that." To critics, that's depressing.

"There is a new caste system," says Mohandas Pai, the normally avuncular personnel chief for Infosys, a multi-billion-dollar Indian technology firm that hires thousands of engineers a year. IIT graduates "are the new upper castes." He says the exam, which he dismisses as "that stupid test," and the cram schools strangle intellectual life out of students.

"Forget about the spirit of inquiry, forget about curiosity," he says. "Students only know 'This is the answer.'"

"It's a tragedy," he says angrily.

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The students, though, tell a different story.

Suvraj Kumar is 17 years old. He spends his days in a dingy, fluorescent-lit room in the Jugal Shree Hostel for Boys, one of hundreds of buildings across Kota transformed into student housing. The nicest ones are freshly painted in primary colors, with banners advertising 24-hour air conditioning for summer heat that regularly crosses 110 degrees. The Jugal Shree is more the norm.

Its staircase has no lights and the hallways are barely shoulder-width. The tan-colored walls are stained with grease and dirt. The furniture is chipped and scraped.

But if it has the feel of a run-down bordello, Kumar has no complaints. He gets a shared room, a bed and a bathroom down the hall. It's a place to study ten hours a day and sleep a few hours a night.

Most important, it's just \$40 a month.

His father runs a small cosmetics store, earning \$300 in a good month. Kumar's cram school will cost about \$1,400. To get the money, his father went to loan sharks. For the son, the loan cannot be forgotten. And without Kota, he says, there's no way he could get into IIT.

"I have to pass the IIT," he says one evening, sitting on his bed. "I don't have a choice."

In the Kota neighborhood where many of the largest schools are located, in an old industrial area where moldy concrete warehouses are quickly giving way to educational complexes, the city can seem like it has no past.

When the cram schools let out and the streets are jammed with students, it feels as if everything began with V.K. Bansal, and memory only goes as far back as the top scorers that the schools use to advertise. Photos of exam heroes are everywhere—on billboards, on flyers littering the streets, on video monitors in school hallways.

None are smiling.

Vijay Singh understands why. He divides his time between Career Point and a tiny, painfully neat, one-room rooftop apartment. There is only one decoration: a small table of elements from the Insight coaching institute pasted to the wall.

Outside, the sound of playing children rises above the narrow streets. He doesn't notice.

His story is so common here it can feel cliché: the nagging fear of slipping behind, the thousands of dollars in loans, the generations of small-town expectations. But Singh says that story—and the resulting pressure on kids like him—is what makes them succeed.

Asked what he does in his spare time, he looks confused.

Each of his days is exactly like the last, and exactly like the next—voracious ambition distilled into formulas, knowledge reduced to memorization, energy powered by a forever-looming deadline to change your life.

"Right now my target is the test," he says. "There is nothing else."



# Life & Style

## Trekking the Great Mart of China

By JAIME VERGARA  
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

I would have preferred trekking the mindscape of our Marianas students in the geo-social grid of world and NMI history, but PSS had all the pedagogues they needed. I miscalculated the need and went out to get my Praxis for the high and middle school levels, thinking that surely they could use a not-too-dour old coot like me among the teaching staff. Early on, Rota indicated their complement was full and Tinian had needs other than Social Studies, so I hung on to the Saipan schools. I expected the two middle schools and the three high schools to have their hallways overflowing.

My Praxis score was not something to hide under a bushel, and Craig Garrison needed all the help he could get to leave Southern confidently as well as face MHS in full strength. But SS teachers must have been a dime a dozen this year for other than the offer to teach language and literature (I would have to get another Praxis test on these), or be a school counselor (another Praxis), or teach SpEd which I would love to do but might be too emotionally close for comfort since I have two autistic kids, the offering was sparse, so I took the unfavorable turn of events and packed my bags instead. (A principal friend informed me that between an HQT and a non-HQT, PSS would have to hire the former, but I did not bother to check for I did not wish to displace anyone, should the unlikely possibility that an SS teacher has yet to pass the Praxis exists!)

I decided early on that in my mendicant lifestyle, if it won't fit two suitcases, I did not need it. I am guided so, and am heading northwest. I have unfinished tasks for two families in *Dong Bei* (northeast China), tasks that I started on Saipan still to be completed. Though partial to structural revolution where we model-build with systems and structures and demonstrate social transformation rather than focus on individualized service, my clergy training did prepare



The meat section of a Xiao shi chang (public market) in Yanji, Yanbian, Jilin (Korea in Dong Bei, northeast China, old Manchuria) where anything that is edible can be found.

us to attend to the spirit care of those who refuse to receive the depth, height and breath of the greatness of their personal existence, one soul at a time. Though self-defrocked from institutional ordination, I still wear the imaginal collar.

We wrote earlier (<http://www.saipantribune.com/newsstory.aspx?newsID=99489&cat=3>) in May of the Great Mall of China. China's economy has become the world's great producer of consumer goods. Increasingly, services are fast rising as a commercially tradable commodity. Nothing that is within the realm of human function cannot be tagged a price and performed. China has a floating hospital in Africa that provides medical services to coastal nations that China also trade with. This is hardly surprising as China outstrips Japan as the second largest economy in the world

next to the United States. It also reportedly holds 10 percent of Uncle Sam's debt papers.

But the prosperous China of the media and the new economic dispensation at Beijing's ministration personally affect, at best, 10 percent of the population. These are the families whose daughter's wedding is paraded downtown with at least 10 black sedans trailing a stretch limousine, all crowned with red balloons clustered like big luscious grapes. They carry plastics in their wallets, drink imported bottled water, and patronize boutique stores that have sister shops in Champs Elysees and Milan.

The rest of the population get their benefits indirectly through subsidized medicine and housing, and the expanding network of rails and highways. Cities are building their Metros, long bridges are connecting formerly

distant places, and public parks and cultural nodes are generating pride on the past as the future is faced.

The task of governance itself is getting redefined from the rough and narrow confines of socialist and communist stric-

tures without losing grip of the gift of distributive justice that marked everyone's condition when poverty was universal. But communist or communal, commercial exchange and intercourse is the lifeline of China's economy. And inexpensive food abounds.

*Xiao shi chang*, the *Hu tong's* public market that every communal site has, remains a symbol and a more accurate measure of China's economic health and wellbeing. For the figures on per capita income is dismal. Consider the monthly salary for a commercial cleaner at the hotels of \$150 per month when a one-bedroom apartment costs close to a \$100. To be sure, a bus ride is but 15 cents, and food items at the stalls are reasonably priced. A bowl of wonton soup is less than a buck, and, yes, everyone is hassling for a Yuan. Human relations are thus measured by the health of one's pocketbook.

And that is where China of the future needs to be seen, at the village market place (sort of daily Sabalu) where anything and everything edible is available. Food as the foundation of physical sustenance determines how every other social factor follows.

Here we begin our *Dong Bei* Treks, and bikeless, we shall be doing this mostly on foot.

### Death and Funeral Announcement †MARIA ATALIG HATTORI TENORIO

fondly remembered as "Yukiko/Yukichang"

Born on July 22, 1927, originally from the island of Songsong, Rota was called to her eternal rest in the grace of our Lord on Monday, October 25, 2010 at 11:47 a.m.

#### In her new life, she now joins her:

**Father:** †Jose (Suekichi) Hattori  
**Mother:** †Presentacion (Chong) Camacho Atalig Hattori  
**Father-in-law:** †Enrique Gogo Tenorio  
**Mother-in-law:** †Natividad San Nicolas Atoigue Tenorio  
**Brother:** †Juan (Shigezu) Hattori  
**Brothers and Sisters In-Laws:** †Rosita Hattori, †Francisco (Kiko) A. & †Teresa A. Tenorio, †Emilano (Lano) A. & †Felomenia A. Tenorio, †Enrique (Rick) A. & †Julia M. Tenorio, †Juan A. Tenorio, †Jose A. Tenorio, †Maria T. & †Antonio Pablo.  
**Grandson and Great Granddaughter:** †Joshua Perez & †Janicia Lynnae C. Muna.

#### She will be lovingly remembered by her:

**Husband:** Vicente Atoigue Tenorio  
**Brothers and Sisters:** Jose (Minoru) A. Hattori, Baltazar (Nobohiko) A. Hattori, Rita (Eiko) A. Hattori, Rosa (Fumiko) A. Hattori, Consolacion (Kimiko) H. Hopkins, Lorenza (Yasuko) H. King, Antonia (Sueko) H. Ellis  
**Brothers and Sisters In-Law:** Douglas King, Jerry Ellis, Namiko Hattori, Elena P. Hattori, Rosa Tenorio, Remedios Q. Tenorio.  
**Children/Spouses/Grand-Children & Great-Grand Children:** John H. & Julita S. Perez [Penny S. Perez (Madelaine Gabriel & Sean Alexander), Angela S. Perez (Isabella)]; Vicente H. Perez [Julie P. & Frank Bishop (Sophie), Elizabeth P. & Ben Klein]; Josephine P. & Edward I. Cruz [Edward J.P. Cruz (Jonathan & Jonah), Patrick W.P. & BobbieJo A. Cruz (Jesse, Jonine, Celine, Jaenalyn, Cimarrah, Kristofer), Lyanne C. & Joseph I. Muna, Mark A.P. & Valerie S. Cruz (Nicholas, Marky, Xavier)]; Joseph H. & Cheryl Perez [Cherriesse Perez (Eric & Danielle), Trina Perez (Malia & Dorian), Alicia Perez]; Daniel H. & In Son Y. Perez [Lisa (Marissa), Richard & Anna M. Perez]; Marie T. & Antonio S. Muna [Regina M. & S. Garrick Sleight, Antonio Jr.]; Anthony H. & Christine T. Tenorio [Jimmy, Vicente (Landon), Marina]; Michael H. & Mayumi K. Tenorio (Matthew).

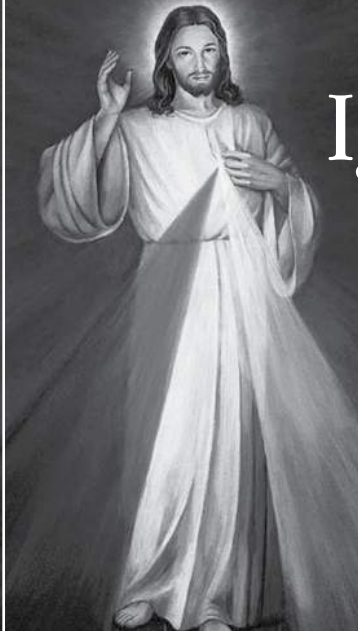
#### Survived by numerous nieces, nephews, godchildren, cousins, and friends.

Mass is being offered daily at 6:00 P.M. at San Juan Bautista Church, Ordod, Guam and San Vicente Church, San Vicente, Saipan.

Last respect will be held at San Juan Bautista Church, Ordod, Guam on Friday, November 5, 2010 beginning at 9:00 A.M. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:00 A.M. and funeral services will take place at Guam Memorial Park, Leyang Barrigada, Guam.

Your prayers and presence are greatly appreciated!

*Si Yu'os Ma'ase, Domo Arigato Gozaimasu, Kamsabamnida,  
& Maraming Salamat Po ginen I asaguña as Vicente (Ben) A. Tenorio,  
I famaguña, yan I familia.*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## Ignacio P. Togawa

*"Known as TAKABO"*  
July 31, 1937 – October 30, 2010

Rosary is said nightly at 8:00pm at the family residence in Capitol Hill.

Funeral Services will be at Mt. Carmel Cathedral on Saturday, November 6, 2010 beginning at 10:30 am

Mass of Christian Burial will commence at 3:00 pm.

Thank you for your prayers.

From the Family



# Facebook actor Eisenberg doesn't use social site

BY ALESSANDRA RIZZO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**ROME** (AP)—Jesse Eisenberg may play Facebook's founder on screen, but in real life the actor is no technology wizard.

Eisenberg, who stars as Mark Zuckerberg in "The Social Network," said Monday he doesn't even use Facebook and doesn't understand coding. Instead of acing technology, he tried to explore the psychology of his character.

"I never use Facebook," Eisenberg told The Associated Press in Rome, where "The Social Network" was shown out of competition at the Rome Film Festival. "I used it for about 2 weeks while we were rehearsing for this movie to understand what my character had built."

"The Social Network," directed by David Fincher, opened last month in the U.S. to strong reviews and has been a box-office hit so far. It traces Facebook's evolution into a cultural touchstone from its creation in a Harvard University dorm, and looks at Zuckerberg's relationship with his friends on his way to fame and fortune.

Eisenberg said he took com-



Actor Jesse Eisenberg poses during a photocall for the film *The Social Network*, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, at a central London hotel.

puter classes with a consultant to prepare for the movie, but it was no use.

"The more he taught me, the less I thought I understood," he said.

"I decided to just learn the coding phonetically," Eisenberg added. "And I really focused on the emotional inner life of this character who is very unique."

Eisenberg portrays an ambiguous—if not downright unlikable—protagonist. Zuckerberg is seen as an emotionally guarded genius who doesn't look back as he builds his fortune and cuts out his closest friend in the process.

The actor was fascinated by what he said were Zuckerberg's conflicting feelings—"alienation, ambition, great social insight and yet kind of a complete detachment from other people."

"He has difficulty gauging the emotional life of others," Eisenberg said in the interview. "This to me is far more interesting to explore than coding."

Eisenberg's performance was generally praised. The actor had won critical acclaim years ago for his portrayal of a boy going through the sepa-

ration of his parents in "The Squid and the Whale."

Just as well, since technology isn't an option.

"I like technology but it doesn't seem to feel the same way about me," he quipped.

Eisenberg said he tried to create a website years ago but

failed, saying he wasn't able to do what Zuckerberg had done—in his view, get people to want to use the website regardless of what's on it.

"I have a great admiration for what he did and how he was able to manipulate that social environment," he said.

## 'Fiming 'Rabbit Hole' was challenging'

**ROME** (AP)—Aaron Eckhart, who plays a father in mourning in the drama "Rabbit Hole" opposite Nicole Kidman, said Monday he prepared for the movie by going to a "harrowing" session of a grief group, but turned to the Internet to avoid intruding on others' private pain.

Eckhart said he can't even pretend to come close to the feeling of someone who has lost a child, as his character experiences in the film, but he and Kidman tried to show how a couple can be intimate but unable to communicate with each other at that point in their relationship.

Directed by John Cameron Mitchell, "Rabbit Hole" looks at how each of the parents copes with the loss of their 4-year-old son and what impact it has on them as a couple. Eckhart's Howie holds on to reminders of his son; Kidman's Becca tries to throw them away and seeks to sell their house.

"I don't pretend to even come close to that feeling," Eckhart told The Associated Press at the Rome Film Festival, where the movie was presented. "As an actor if you haven't experienced it first hand, then you make substitutions."

One day Eckhart went to a grief group—as his character does in the movie—under the pretext that he was a grieving parent. He said he found that "harrowing and somewhat unethical" and didn't go back. Instead, he watched video blogs

posted by people after suffering a loss.

"They are very intense and very heart-wrenching," he told a press conference in Rome. "It's easy to be an actor after you've watched those video blogs because the pain just permeates them."

Filming was intense, he said, and at one point some of the cast was sharing a house in Long Island to get to know each other. On set, the actors tried to keep the tone light, but still "there were times we were all crying all during the day."

The 42-year-old actor also spoke of his relationship with Kidman, who produced the movie, and of the main challenge he faced in the role.

In the movie, the two characters are grieving at different paces and are unable to connect emotionally or sexually. They seek connection with other people—Becca with the boy who killed her son in a car accident; Howie with a fellow parent who attends his grief group.

"What I wanted to achieve in this movie with Nicole was the intimacy—a relationship over 10-20 years, having the physical and emotional intimacy and yet not being able to connect with each other," Eckhart said. "On a daily basis, that was the challenge."

"Rabbit Hole" also stars Di-  
anne Wiest as Kidman's mother and Sandra Oh of "Grey's Anatomy" as the grieving parent in Eckhart's group.

## Chinese Monkey King story adapted in \$60M 3-D film

**HONG KONG** (AP)—The Monkey King character from Chinese folklore will be revived in a \$60 million 3-D blockbuster starring Donnie Yen and Chow Yun-fat, as local filmmakers try to match the massive success of "Avatar" by launching their own productions in the new format.

The Monkey King, also known as Sun Wukong, hails from the classic Chinese novel "Journey to the West," which describes a Buddhist monk's pilgrimage to India to collect religious texts. He is protected by three disciples, including a fighting monkey with magical powers.

The popular story is frequently adapted in stage productions, movies and TV series. It received the Hollywood treatment in 2008 when Lionsgate

released "The Forbidden Kingdom," which costarred Jackie Chan and Jet Li, who played the Monkey King.

Now Chinese filmmakers are answering with a big-budget adaptation of their own.

Hong Kong director Soi Cheang started shooting "Monkey King" in Beijing on Oct. 8 with Yen in the title role and Chow playing a mythical emperor, Hong Kong-based Filmko Entertainment, one of the investors, said in a statement Monday. Other stars include actor-singer Aaron Kwok and actresses Kelly Chen, Cecilia Cheung and Gigi Leung.

"Monkey King" follows the character's life story before his India trip, when he attacked the Heavenly Kingdom with the Buffalo Demon King

(Kwok), upset that he was snubbed by its rulers—a move that led to his imprisonment until the pilgrimage.

Chinese studios are keen to cash in on the country's fast-growing 3-D movie market, which delivered a whopping \$206 million in box office revenues to the makers of the Hollywood sci-fi epic "Avatar" earlier this year—a feat that made the James Cameron film the top-grossing movie in China of all time. About a third, or 1,100 of China's movie screens are 3-D screens, the official Xinhua News Agency reported in April.

Famed Hong Kong director Tsui Hark also recently started shooting a 3-D production, announcing he will remake his 1992 kung fu movie "Dragon Inn" in the format.

The production team for "Monkey King" draws from Hollywood expertise, including visual effects designers who worked on 3-D movies like "Avatar" and "Alice in Wonderland," Filmko said.

Yen was most recently seen in Andrew Lau's "Legend of the Fist: The Return of Chen Zhen," playing the nationalist hero made famous by Bruce Lee. Chow's releases this year are the biopic "Confucius" and the World War II-era drama "Shanghai."

The director of "Monkey King" is known for tackling monster-like characters in horror films. Cheang's latest movie, the psychological thriller "Accident," was nominated for the Golden Lion Prize at the Venice Film Festival last year.

## Judge declines to hear Jackson wrongful death case

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A wrongful-death lawsuit filed by Michael Jackson's father will now be handled by a state court after a federal judge said Monday he didn't have authority to hear the case and that the singer's father would be unlikely to collect tens of millions of dollars in damages in his court.

Joe Jackson's attorney agreed to dismiss part of his case against the doctor charged in the pop superstar's death, which prompted the judge to rule that the remaining issues had to be heard in state court.

U.S. District Judge John F. Walter opened a hearing Monday by telling Joe Jackson's attorney that he didn't think Jack-

son's father could receive any money from one of the major causes of action, which alleged the singer's rights were violated under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"I am firmly convinced that you can't seek damages on this (disabilities act) cause of action," Walter said.

The judge said that was the only federal issue in the case and he would not handle any other issues. "This is a creature of state law, this wrongful death claim," the judge said.

Joe Jackson's attorney, Brian Oxman, agreed to dismiss the ADA-related claim and said he would refile the case in Los Angeles Superior Court soon.

Walter had previously expressed doubts that the case belonged in federal court, but had allowed it to remain until the case's first scheduling hearing Monday.

The lawsuit will likely join a case filed by the Jackson family patriarch's wife against concert promoter AEG Live. Katherine Jackson sued the company, which planned and promoted a series of London concerts Michael Jackson was preparing for when he died unexpectedly in June 2009.

She has accused the promoter of failing to give Dr. Conrad Murray lifesaving equipment and properly oversee him while he cared for her son dur-

ing preparations for the concerts. AEG has said the lawsuit is meritless.

"Given the two cases pending, it makes no sense to have them separated," Oxman said. "It's a matter of practicality."

Murray has been charged with involuntary manslaughter and was named in Joe Jackson's lawsuit, but not in the case filed by Katherine Jackson.

Murray's attorney, Charles H. Peckham, told Walter that there would still be legal hurdles in state court for Joe Jackson's lawsuit. He said after the hearing that Murray will challenge whether the elder Jackson has the right to sue for wrongful death.



US actor Aaron Eckhart waves at photographers during the photocall of the movie "Rabbit Hole" at the Rome Film Festival in Rome's Auditorium, Monday, Nov. 1, 2010.



# Charlie Sheen files for divorce in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Charlie Sheen filed to end his marriage to his third wife Monday and stated in documents that the couple separated the same day as a Christmas 2009 altercation that led to assault charges against the veteran actor.

The divorce came less than a week after the “Two and a Half Men” star was briefly hospitalized in New York City after security at a luxury hotel reported he was being disorderly.

Sheen cited irreconcilable differences for the divorce and indicated in court filings

in Los Angeles that the couple have a prenuptial agreement. He and Brooke Mueller



Sheen

Sheen were married in May 2008 and have twin sons together.

He is seeking joint custody, but is asking a judge not to award his wife any spousal support.

Within hours, Brooke Sheen had filed her own petition for divorce, seeking sole custody of the former couple's sons and spousal support. Her filing did not offer any additional details, but also cited Christmas as the date of separation.

The divorce was first reported Monday by People magazine's website.

Sheen, 45, pleaded guilty in Aspen, Colorado, in August to misdemeanor third-degree assault after a Christmas Day altercation with Mueller Sheen.

He listed the couple's separation date as the date of the fight.

Prosecutors dropped more serious charges and he avoided jail time, instead receiving 30 days in a rehabilitation center, 30 days of probation and 36 hours of anger management.

Mueller Sheen told police the actor threatened to kill her and brandished a knife after she told him she wanted a divorce. Charlie Sheen said the two argued, but he denied threatening her and told police he was upset by the divorce threat.

## Cousin's wedding invitation brings back painful past

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



**DEAR ABBY:** A male cousin sent me an invitation to his wedding. I have met his fiancée a few times at family reunions and weddings, and she seems very sweet. The problem is my cousin sexually abused me for many years when I was younger. I have no desire to attend his wedding.

Am I obligated to send a card or a gift? I don't want his fiancée to think I don't like her, but it makes me sick to think of celebrating his marriage after what he did. What do I say when other family members ask why I'm not going? Am I obligated to tell her what he did?

*Dear Abby*

### NEEDS TO KNOW IN TEXAS

**DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW:** A young man who sexually abuses someone “for years” is a predator. And while the news may not be greeted warmly, you should say something to your cousin's fiancée before she marries him.

You could benefit from talking to a counselor who specializes in sexual abuse to make sure the effects of what happened to you don't affect you in the future. The counselor can help you decide what to do from there. If you don't attend the wedding, you are under no obligation to send a gift or a card.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I could never figure out why “Margaret,” my wife of 20 years, married me. After our wedding she tried to give me an image makeover. She'd buy me clothes I left hanging in the closet. She'd contradict and correct me in public. In general, she'd find fault with almost everything I did. She put me down often, and if I reacted, she would either claim it wasn't what she meant to say or tell me, “You do it, too.” I finally gave up and left her.

Margaret has an excellent reputation, so people try to pry into why I left her. When I tell them I won't bad-mouth her, they tell me she says plenty about me. My response is, “Then you know all there is to know, don't you?”

Two women close to my age, plus one college-age girl, are trying to pursue me. I'm afraid if I don't leave this area, Margaret will allege that I left her for one of them.

Your thoughts, please.

### KEEPING MUM IN CLEVELAND

**DEAR KEEPING MUM:** You didn't mention how long ago your marriage ended or whether your divorce is final. But regardless, aren't you tired of worrying about what your ex is saying about you? The marriage is over—kaput! A move isn't necessary. An effective way to ensure that no one spreads a rumor that you left Margaret for one woman would be to spend time being seen dating ALL of them.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been together for two years, and he still doesn't know my mother's last name (it's different from my maiden name), nor does he know the names of all of my siblings. He doesn't think it's a big deal. What is your opinion?

### NAME GAME IN KNOXVILLE, TENN.

**DEAR NAME GAME:** Either your husband is not much of a family man or he's not detail-oriented. Remembering someone's name is a sign of respect, and it appears your husband of two years has little of that for your family.

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## Dern-Ladd family honored with Walk of Fame stars

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It was a family affair Monday for Laura Dern, her father Bruce Dern and mother Diane Ladd.

The acting dynasty was honored during a ceremony along the Hollywood Walk of Fame, marking the first time three stars were dedicated to family members at the same time.

The pink terrazzo stars were unveiled alongside each other outside the W Hotel Hollywood along Hollywood Boulevard.

“I ask the universe that these three stars right here—when I'm dead and gone or if I'm still alive—that whoever comes and looks at it or stands on it, may the energy of the three of our lives permeate into their foundation and help each and every one fulfill their destiny with joy and love, as I wish for you,” the 74-year-old Ladd told the crowd.



Actress Laura Dern, director David Lynch, and actor Mark Ruffalo pose together after Dern received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles, Monday, Nov. 1, 2010.

## Republican candidate apologizes to Morgan Freeman

**RALEIGH, North Carolina** (AP)—A North Carolina congressional candidate apologized Monday night to Oscar-winning actor Morgan Freeman after falsely claiming that the actor had done a voiceover for a campaign ad.

Republican B.J. Lawson's campaign blamed a political consulting firm for duping it into believing Freeman had done the ad.

“This is terribly unfortunate and we apologize profusely to Morgan Freeman for what has

happened,” Lawson said. “This is obviously not something we ever would want to misrepresent.”

Lawson's campaign had said earlier Monday that Freeman had done the narration for an advertisement posted online that

attacked the Democratic incumbent, Rep. David Price. Freeman then issued a statement through his publicist that no one representing him had ever authorized the use of his name, voice or likeness in support of Lawson.

## Disney star Demi Lovato enters treatment center

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Demi Lovato, one of Disney's biggest names, checked herself into a treatment center to deal with “emotional and physical issues,” her representatives said in a statement Monday night.

The statement did not specify the

18-year-old's problems, but said Lovato checked herself into a facility to address the concerns.

A person familiar with the situation previously told The Associated Press that Lovato entered treatment for problems including an eating dis-

order and cutting herself. The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly due to the sensitivity of the matter, later clarified the statement, saying Lovato had dealt with those issues in the past.



Lovato

### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### Springsteen rocks Rome film fest

**ROME** (AP)—Bruce Springsteen rocked the Rome Film Festival when he showed up for the screening of a documentary on his famous 1978 album “Darkness on the Edge of Town.” Hundreds of fans gathered Monday night to greet the Boss as he walked on the red carpet. Organizers had to scramble with a surge in demand for tickets when the news spread days ago that Springsteen would attend the event. The documentary “The Promise: The Making of Darkness on the Edge of Town” features contemporary interviews with Springsteen and his band along with rehearsal and studio footage as they made the 1978 record. The documentary by Thom Zimny premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in September.

#### Michael Jackson's mom to talk on 'Oprah' next week

**CHICAGO** (AP)—Katherine Jackson will discuss the death of her son, pop superstar Michael Jackson, in an interview with TV host Oprah Winfrey. Harpo Productions said Monday that Winfrey's interview with Jackson's mother will air Nov. 8 on “The Oprah Winfrey Show.” Jackson's father, Joe Jackson, and his three children will also appear during a backyard visit taped for the episode. Winfrey and Katherine Jackson filmed the interview at the family's home in California. The Chicago-based production company says Katherine Jackson talks about the day her son died and reflects on his life as a childhood star. Michael Jackson died unexpectedly in June 2009. He gave an interview to Winfrey in 1993 in which he

first disclosed suffering from the skin condition vitiligo.

#### Beyonce has Thanksgiving special on TV

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Beyonce and the ABC network may become a Thanksgiving tradition. For the second year in a row, ABC is airing a prime-time special with the singer on turkey night. “Beyonce's I Am ... World Tour” will start at 9:30 p.m. Eastern on Nov. 25 (0230 GMT on Nov. 26). The show will be a combination of performance clips from the tour, as well as backstage moments. Beyonce's husband, Jay-Z, and Kanye West will make guest appearances. ABC said Monday the special highlights the work of producing a highly visual act, “complicated by a performer who will tolerate nothing less than perfection.”

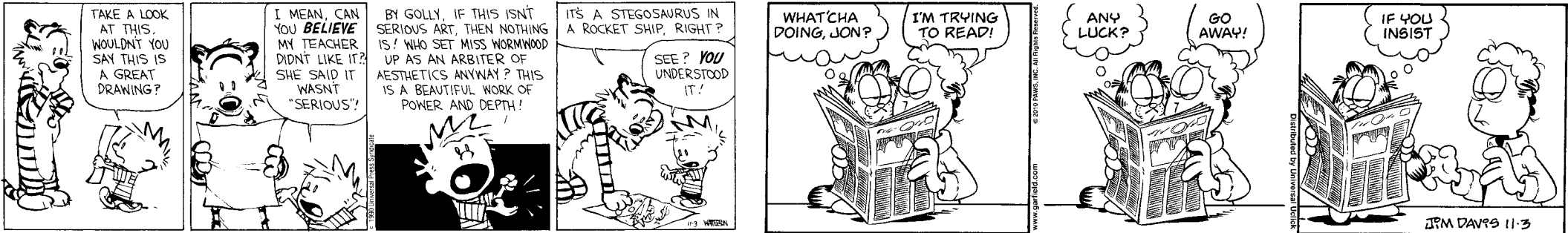


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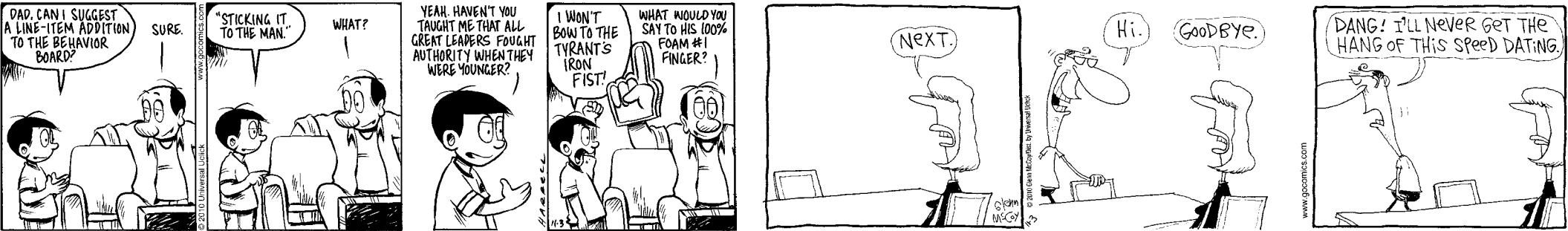
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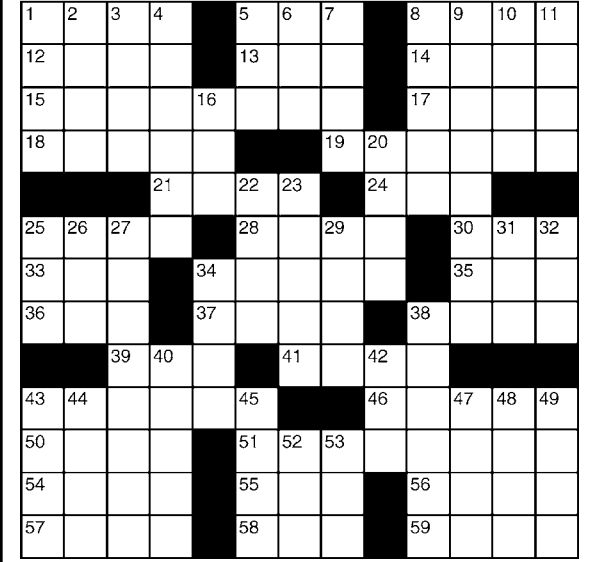
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Charm will be your greatest weapon and will allow you to get what you want but not give more than what you want to give. It's about being fair and striving for equality. You'll only get ahead if you put a price on what you have to offer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You have to meet your opponent halfway if you want to get something accomplished. Love and romance can be the highlight of your day, so socialize, if you are single, or make special plans for you and your current partner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get serious about your personal life and future. Don't let someone cause you grief or make you feel unloved or unwanted. There is someone special waiting for you in the wings. Honesty can spare your making a huge mistake.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will have everything at your fingertips but, if you allow someone to railroad you into taking on an added responsibility, you will miss possibilities that lead to personal and profes-

sional advancement. This time, change will be for the best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Resist any desire to cause trouble or to make someone displeased. Get what's required of you out of the way so you can move on to activities, events or hobbies you enjoy. Discipline and a sense of responsibility will be the name of the game.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Opportunity knocks but, if you don't open the door, nothing good will come of it. A short trip, a group, club or organization can contribute to what you are trying to accomplish and bring you an enhanced reputation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Uncertainty will cloud your day. Decipher what it is you want and what you can actually have. Once that is clear, you will be able to make a better decision. Problems at home will escalate. You'll achieve more by working alone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take an interest in friends, family and children's activities and you will improve your relationships. Think big and you will accomplish more and impress the people you are trying to get to know better or work alongside. Creative input will be constructive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Anything less than hard work and doing your best will not be acceptable and can result in complaints and criticism. Know your boundaries and move swiftly. Being mature and responsible will be the key to making a lasting impression.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): As soon as you get mixed up in someone else's dilemma, you will lose time and ground. Refuse to take on burdens that aren't yours to bear. Focus on what will help you get ahead.

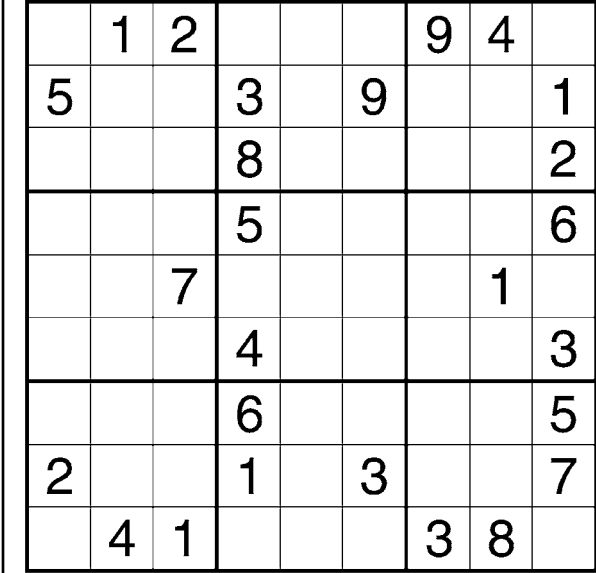
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take care of personal paperwork. Problems with friends, relatives and authority figures will leave you in a compromising position. Listen and observe but do not get involved. Strive to get ahead and you will please everyone who cares about you.

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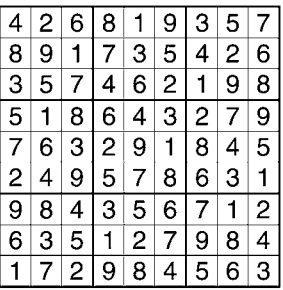
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Saturday's SUDOKU Answer



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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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# Colts beat Texans, take AFC South lead



**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)**—Peyton Manning got Indianapolis' makeshift offense chugging like its old self Monday night.

The four-time league MVP threw for two touchdowns, then watched Mike Hart run for a career-high 84 yards and Jacob Tamme score his first career TD to help Indy get past Houston 30-17.

The victory allowed the Colts (5-2) to get even in the head-to-head series with Houston (4-3) and gave the defending AFC champions sole possession of the South Division lead for the first time this season.

And even though the Colts were missing All-Pro tight end Dallas Clark, receiver Austin Collie and running back Joseph Addai with injuries, Manning and his teammates didn't miss a beat.

"Whoever's in there has to find a way to do the job. It's not always going to be pretty, but we've just got to keep grinding and making some plays," Manning said.

Manning went 26 of 45 for 268 yards. Hart ran with the same determination he used to become Michigan's career rushing leader and provided the Colts with a rare ground game, and Tamme, Clark's replacement, caught six passes for 64 yards.

But it wasn't just the new guys making plays—or only the offense.

Reggie Wayne caught a touchdown pass, Manning ran for a first down for the first time in nearly two years, and even became the lead blocker on a first-down catch-and-run by Pierre Garcon in the third quarter.

Indy's defense put consistent pressure on Houston quarterback Matt Schaub, too.

That's how important Monday's game was to the Colts.

"It's a big win and we needed it," Tamme said.

Schaub struggled horribly in the first half and couldn't rally the Texans in the



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, left, runs for a first down while being pursued by Houston Texans defensive end Antonio Smith in the first quarter of an NFL football game in Indianapolis, Monday, Nov. 1, 2010.

second as defensive ends Dwight Freney and Robert Mathis applied pressure. Indy had three sacks.

The louder-than-normal crowd created problems for Schaub hearing play calls on his helmet radio, barking out

signals to teammates, and even trying to make plays. The 2009 NFL leader in yards passing finished the half 5 of 15

for 37 yards with one interception and a rating of 14.6.

Schaub was better in the second half, finishing 22 of 38 for 201 yards with one TD. But the damage was already done.

"What a great job of playing hard and coming back," Colts coach Jim Caldwell said. "When bad things happen to them, they don't take it lightly."

The Colts made sure more bad things wouldn't happen Monday night.

The Colts went 78 yards on their second series, getting a 2-yard TD pass from Manning to Tamme to make it 7-0.

On the second play of the second quarter, the maligned defense gave Indy the play it desperately needed.

Kelvin Hayden jumped in front of Kevin Walter, picked off Schaub's pass on the dead run and sprinted 25 yards to make it 14-0.

Neil Rackers banked in a 53-yard field goal to get Houston within 14-3 with 12 minutes to go in the half, but that was a speed bump for the Colts.

Manning took them 36 yards, running off nearly all of the half's final six minutes before Adam Vinatieri booted a season-long 48-yard field goal to make it 17-3 at halftime.

Manning didn't stop there.

After converting a third-and-10 early in the second half, Manning threw a screen pass to the right to Pierre Garcon, who cut all the way across the field and followed his surprise lead blocker—No. 18—for a 14-yard gain and a first down. Four plays later, Manning took the more conventional route by throwing a flanker screen to Wayne, who sprinted 15 yards to make it 24-3.

It was that kind of night for the Texans.

Schaub did drop in a perfect 30-yard TD pass to Andre Johnson to make it 24-10 in the third quarter and got a 6-yard TD run from Arian Foster to make it 27-17 early in the fourth.

But that was as close as the Texans could get.



Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Randy Moss waves to the fans after his former team, the New England Patriots, defeated the Vikings 28-18 in an NFL football game in Foxborough, Mass., Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010.

## Childress tells Vikes in team meeting Moss is gone

**EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP)**—Just four weeks ago, Randy Moss gushed about returning to Minnesota. He felt fortunate to return to his first team and was looking forward to seeing those purple No. 84 jerseys again.

One day after Moss' rant following a loss at New England, the happy reunion was over.

Vikings players confirmed Monday that coach Brad Childress informed them during a team meeting that the wide receiver had been released.

"This decision was made based on what we thought was in the best interests of the Minnesota Vikings, both in the short and long term," Childress said Monday night in a team-issued statement. "We wish Randy the best as he moves forward in his career."

The NFL Network first reported the struggling Vikings (2-5) had waived the six-time Pro Bowler less than a month after acquiring him from the Patriots for a third-round draft pick. Moss returned to New England on Sunday and was wistful about his days with the AFC East leaders following Minnesota's 28-18 loss and critical of the Vikings for not taking his game-planning advice.

Moss, who was fined \$25,000 last week for failing to cooperate with the media and make himself regularly

available for interviews, stepped to the podium after Sunday's game but announced he wouldn't take any questions. He repeatedly expressed admiration for coach Bill Belichick and his former team and criticized the Vikings for not paying enough attention to his advice in the run-up to the game.

"I'm definitely down that we lost this game. I didn't expect we'd lose this game," Moss said. "I don't know how many more times I'll be in New England again. But I leave coach Belichick and those guys with a salute: 'I love you guys. I miss you. I'm out.'"

Moss had only one catch for 8 yards against the Patriots. In four games for the Vikings, he had 13 receptions for 174 yards and two touchdowns.

Childress didn't mention the move when he talked to reporters and said Moss was staying in the Boston area for a few days to spend time with family. Asked whether he regretted acquiring Moss, the coach said "not at present."

Moss's contract called for a \$6.4 million base salary this season—leaving the Vikings on the hook for at least \$1.5 million. If Moss is claimed on waivers, the team that signs him is responsible for the remainder of his salary. If he clears waivers, then he can sign as a free agent under new terms.

Claiming priority is based on inverse order of the current standings, so the Patriots - who lead the league at 6-1—would be last. Belichick declined comment Monday.

"You can't bait me into it," he said.

His players, though, were surprised their former teammate was available again.

"I'm just hearing about this right now. Crazy," right guard Stephen Neal said.

Whether Moss would be welcomed back, well, that's up to Belichick.

"Whatever he decides we're open to as a team, and I'm sure he'll do what's best for the organization," wide receiver Wes Welker said.

Moss was traded from Minnesota to Oakland in 2005 after frustrating the organization with his attitude. However, he was eager to connect with Brett Favre when he returned to the Vikings and talked about how much he still loved their fans some 5 1/2 years after his departure.

While his presence opened the field for wide receiver Percy Harvin, who has blossomed into one of the league's most dangerous offensive players, Moss never materialized into the deep threat the Vikings needed when they traded for him Oct. 7. His longest catch

was a 37-yarder, and he was only targeted twice against the Patriots.

Childress said Monday he didn't regard Moss' remarks as "incendiary." The closest he came to criticizing him was acknowledging he could've caught a pass that fell incomplete in the end zone while the Patriots were called for pass interference.

"But again, I don't know," Childress said. "He was restricted. If they called pass interference, there had to be some kind of restriction."

Asked whether he felt Moss had been playing hard, Childress said, "He's playing hard when he needs to play hard."

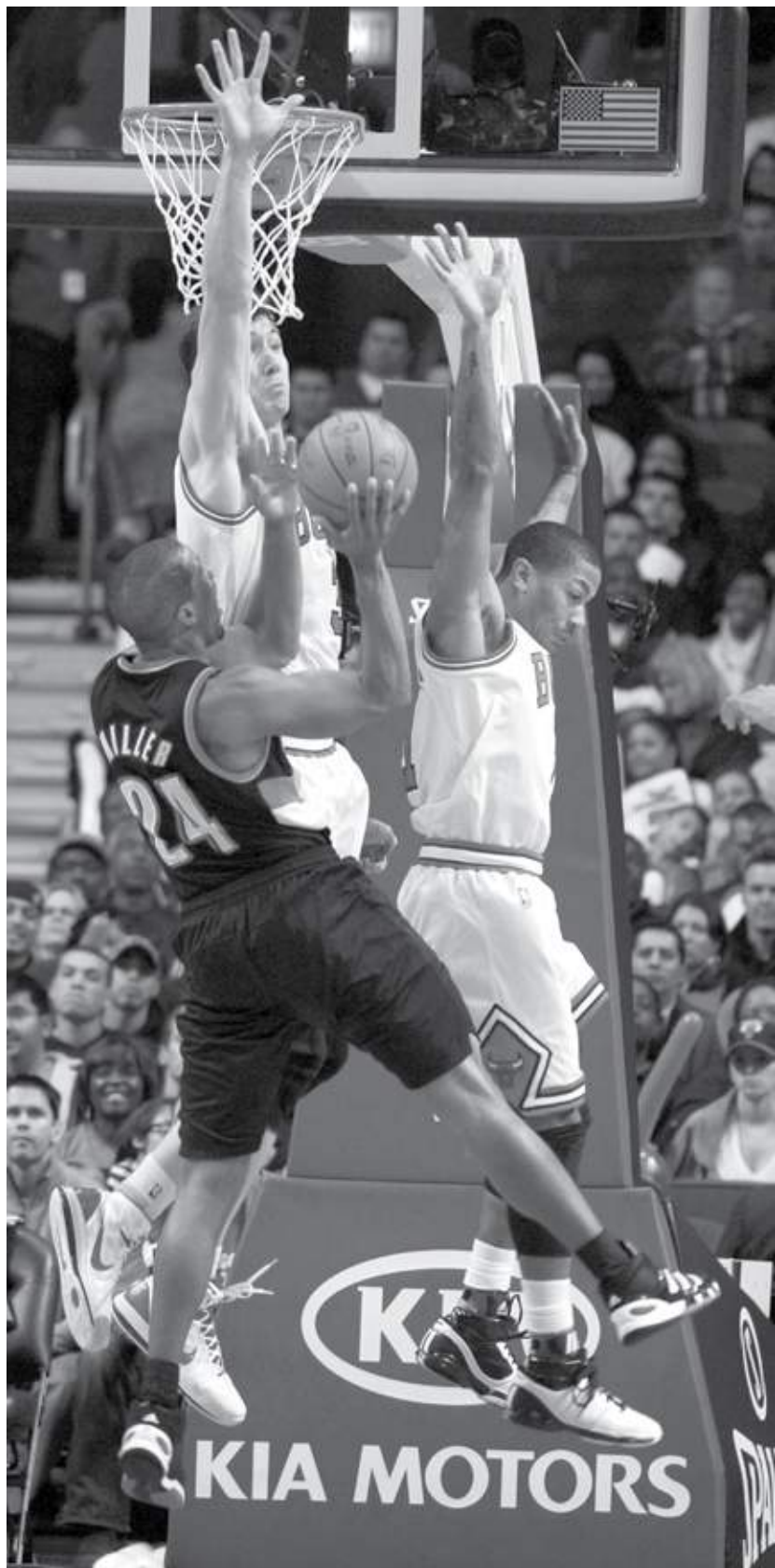
Linebacker Ben Leber was one of a handful of players who was surprised by the move, but he didn't sound happy about Moss' postgame remarks, either.

"It was just, 'Wow,'" Leber said. "Just because it sounded like it was unprompted and sounded like he wanted to get some stuff off his chest. He certainly has every right to do that. I don't think that's the way to do it."

Leber said Childress didn't give the team much of an explanation.

"He didn't really dive into any details," he said. "Just said, 'That's where we're going to go with it.'"





Chicago Bulls' Omer Asik and Derrick Rose stop Portland Trail Blazers' Andre Miller from taking a shot during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, in Chicago.

## Horford agrees to \$60 million extension with Hawks

**ATLANTA (AP)**—The Atlanta Hawks agreed Monday to a five-year, \$60 million contract extension with All-Star center Al Horford.

The team reached the deal with Horford just ahead of a deadline that would have opened the door for one of their stalwart players to become a restricted free agent next summer. Horford confirmed the terms in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

"I wanted to get it done for security and just to focus on the team this year," Horford wrote while en route to Cleveland, where the Hawks (3-0) face the Cavaliers on Tuesday.

The 24-year-old Horford was the No. 3 overall pick in 2007 out of Florida, helping the Gators win back-to-back national championships. He quickly established himself as one of the team's most valuable players, even as an undersized center who had to outwork many of the bigger players he went against.

Horford finished second in the NBA rookie of the year voting to Kevin Durant. Last season, the Atlanta player averaged career highs in points (14.2) and rebounds (9.9) while becoming the first Hawks draft pick to make the All-Star

Game since Kevin Willis in 1992. He finished eighth in the shooting percentage (.551) and also was among the top 10 in rebounding.

"From the moment he arrived in Atlanta, Al has been a large part of our success," general manager Rick Sund said in a statement. "The winning tradition he brought to the franchise as a rookie out of Florida has extended to three consecutive playoff seasons in a Hawks uniform. In addition, he was deservedly recognized as an All-Star last year, and we certainly look forward to his continued development as we move forward."

The Hawks were eager to lock up another member of their core group after re-signing Joe Johnson to a maximum \$124 million deal over the summer. In recent years, the team also has reached hefty, multiyear deals with Josh Smith and Marvin Williams.

With the signing of Horford, Atlanta can turn its attention to guard Jamal Crawford, winner of last year's sixth man of the year award. He is eligible for free agency after the season and expressed a desire to remain with the Hawks after making the playoffs for the first time in his career.

# Deng's 40 leads Bulls over Blazers



**CHICAGO (AP)**—Luol Deng scored a career-high 40 points to lead the Chicago Bulls to a 110-98 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Monday night.

Deng scored 16 points in the first and third quarters and shot 14-of-19 from the floor in the game. He passed his previous career best of 38 with a 3-pointer from the corner with 5:48 to play. The shot put the Bulls up 101-84. He had 38 points against the Blazers on March 26, 2007.

Derrick Rose, who entered the game as the NBA's leading scorer, added 16 points and 12 assists for Chicago (2-1).

The Trail Blazers entered the game 3-0, with all three of their victories coming as a result of fourth quarter comebacks. Portland outscored opponents 85-49 in the final quarters of its first three games, but were unable to mount a sustained rally against the Bulls.

Portland rallied from nine points down with a 17-3 run to finish its game in New York on Friday night. Reserves Dante Cunningham and Armon John-

son scored on layups on back-to-back possessions to cut Chicago's lead to nine with 3:51 to play. Was another rally in the offing?

Not this time. Kyle Korver's 3-point-er with 3:01 to play put Chicago up 105-92 and the Blazers weren't able to get closer than 12 points after that.

LaMarcus Aldridge scored a season-high 33 points for Portland (3-1), almost single-handedly keeping the Blazers in the game through three quarters. Aldridge was originally drafted by the Bulls in 2006 but was traded the same day in a deal that sent fellow draftee Tyrus Thomas to Chicago.

Brandon Roy added 17 points for the Blazers on 4-of-12 shooting.

Deng scored 16 points in the first quarter, much of it coming in transition, where Bulls outscored the Trail Blazers 12-0 and built a 32-21 lead. The Blazers entered the game as the NBA's top three-point shooting team, but went 0-for-3 from there in the opening period and 0-of-14 in the game.

Chicago's Joakim Noah, who entered the game as the NBA's top re-

bounder in the season's early going, had 10 points and 10 rebounds in 42 minutes.

## Spurs 97, Clippers 88

In Los Angeles, San Antonio beat Los Angeles for the 17th straight time, dropping the Clippers to an 0-4 record.

Tony Parker had 19 points and nine assists for the Spurs, while Richard Jefferson scored 18 points.

San Antonio's reserves outscored their Clippers counterparts 25-0 before Al-Farouq Aminu got the first points by the Los Angeles bench in the fourth quarter.

Eric Gordon had 23 points and a career-high 11 assists for the Clippers, who have won only one of their past 26 against the Spurs.

## Kings 111, Raptors 108

In Sacramento, the hosts rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat Toronto.

The Kings have won their past five home openers.

Tyreke Evans scored 23 points and Beno Udrih added 17 for Sacramento.

Andrea Bargnani scored 28 points to lead the Raptors.

## Now a visitor, Beasley set to play again in Miami

**MIAMI (AP)**—Michael Beasley spent two years learning the nuances of NBA play from Udonis Haslem, and quietly showed appreciation this summer for those countless lessons.

It was at the funeral for Haslem's mother. Barely three weeks after being traded from Miami—months of pleas to stay with the Heat having ultimately fallen on deaf ears—Beasley quietly and somewhat unexpectedly returned to stand by the player who always stood by him.

"That says a lot about Beas," Haslem said. "He could have just got as far away as he could from Miami and never looked back."

These days, Beasley isn't looking back at much of anything.

Determined to embrace a new opportunity in Minnesota, Beasley returns to Miami for the first time as an opponent on Tuesday night when he and the Timberwolves (1-2) get their first live look at the rebuilt Heat (3-1).

"I don't really worry about too much in the past," said Beasley, the No. 2 pick in the 2008 draft who leads Minnesota in scoring so far at 14.7 points per game. "The Miami Heat is in my past. The Timberwolves are my future. This is just another regular away game. This is a game we've got to win."

It's been an adjustment, Beasley getting used to Minnesota. The Wolves run a triangle offense, which is complex to learn, and Beasley acknowledges that process is ongoing.

But fitting into the locker room has been easy for Beasley, and his light-hearted ways have been embraced.

"He's been great. He's been absolutely nothing but great," Minnesota coach Kurt Rambis said. "He has an

enthusiasm for life and an ability to play basketball. He feels like he was just born to play basketball. He loves playing, he loves practicing and he's the guy who keeps our locker room loose. And I'm asking him to do very difficult things. He's got a long learning process in front of him."

To portray the Beasley trade as one where Miami got nothing in return besides second-round picks in 2011 and 2014 would be a bit unfair. It could be argued that Miami got most of its team—Mike Miller, Eddie House, Juwan Howard, Zydrunas Ilgauskas, Haslem and others—in the deal.

Without trimming Beasley's \$5 million salary from this season's books, it would have been immeasurably harder for the Heat to have room to attract the cast that'll surround LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh. Even though Beasley had no shortage of issues in Miami—getting kicked out of the rookie symposium in 2008 for breaking league rules, spending much of the summer of 2009 in a Houston rehabilitation center, and a few posts on Twitter that further harmed his reputation—the Heat always raved about his talent.

"People forget what it was like when we won 15 games," Heat President Pat Riley said as the 2010 offseason started. "Ever since Michael's been drafted, he's seems to be the most maligned player in the NBA. And we won an average of 45 games in two years, made the playoffs both years, and he was our second-leading scorer."

Riley told Beasley that the team expected more from him, and Beasley responded by saying he expected more from himself.

But in the end, the dollars were the

decider, and cap space turned out to be what Miami needed most from the enigmatic former Kansas State star.

"Congratulations," Haslem recalled telling Beasley when the trade got done. "Go to another team and be the All-Star that you have the capability of being."

Beasley might need an All-Star effort just to score against the Heat.

In Miami's last two games, opposing starters at forward—Rashard Lewis and Quentin Richardson for Orlando on Friday, then Travis Outlaw and Joe Smith for New Jersey on Sunday—have missed every shot they've tried against the Heat, that foursome combining miss all 21 of their attempts.

"They use their length. They use their athletic ability," Beasley said. "They're using everything they've got. They've got two of the top five defenders in the NBA."

The Timberwolves have been in town since Sunday, giving Beasley a chance to see some friends, people he grew close to during his two-plus years as a South Florida resident, even getting an opportunity to check out his old house again.

His trip down Miami's memory lane won't continue Tuesday night, he insists.

"We've got to come in and play," Beasley said.

Which is exactly what Haslem always taught him. Block everything else out, and just play.

"Throughout the whole process, regardless of whether Beas started, I started, what was going on outside, what people said, me and Beas still remained close," Haslem said. "I still looked at him as a brother. And I always will."



## GIANTS

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just dissipated and I was able to calm down,” he said.

Wilson pitched a perfect ninth for a save, completing a surprising romp through the postseason for a pitching-rich team that waited until the final day to clinch a playoff spot.

Wilson struck out Cruz swinging to end it, turned toward center field and crossed his wrists in front of his chest as he does after all his saves.

“All the experts out there picked us last,” Huff said. Normally rough and tough, he teared up.

Manager Bruce Bochy enjoys calling his Giants a ragtag bunch. Maybe Renteria, Cody Ross, Huff and Freddy Sanchez fit that description. Cut loose by other clubs this season and before, they all wound up in San Francisco.

But the foundation of this team—for now, for the foreseeable future—is totally home grown, built on a deep, talented and young rotation, a rookie catcher with huge star potential and their funky closer.

“For us to win for our fans, it’s never been done there, and with all those great teams,” Bochy said.

Bonds spent 15 years wearing

the black and orange.

“There is no city that deserves this championship more,” Bonds said in a statement. “I grew up watching my dad and godfather as Giants, lived out my dream playing in the same uniform in front of the best fans in the world and I just witnessed the Giants winning the World Series. I am ecstatic for the team, the city and all the fans—you truly deserve it.”

Renteria reprised his role of postseason star. His 11th-inning single ended Game 7 of the 1997 World Series and lifted Florida over Cleveland. Forget that he made the last out in the 2004 Series that finished Boston’s sweep of St. Louis—this journeyman’s path led to another title, helped by his go-ahead home run in Game 2.

“It was a tough year for me,” the oft-injured shortstop said. “I told myself to keep working hard and keep in shape because something is going to be good this year.”

A team seemingly free of egos did everything right to take the lead. Ross, the surprising MVP of the NL championship series, stayed square and hit a leadoff single and Juan Uribe followed with another hit up the middle.

That put a runner at second base for the first time in the game and brought up Huff, who

led the Giants in home runs this year. So what did he do? He expertly put down the first sacrifice bunt of his career.

Lee struck out Pat Burrell to keep the runners put, but Ross began hopping home as soon as Renteria connected, sending a drive that kept sailing and landed over the left-center field wall.

“It was a classic pitchers’ duel down to that home run. Nobody in this room is more disappointed than I am,” Lee said.

And just like that, all the Giants’ past troubles seemed like ancient history.

Bonds, Mays and several other former San Francisco stars are still a part of the Giants family.

Bonds got a hallowed home-run record, but questions persist about alleged steroids use. He visited the Giants clubhouse during the Series and got a big hand from fans when he took his seat at AT&T Park.

His godfather, the 79-year-old Mays, was supposed to throw out the ceremonial first ball but the Say Hey Kid was absent because of illness.

The Giants won their previous title when they played in New York at the Polo Grounds. That’s where Mays raced back for perhaps the most famous catch of all time.

They moved West in 1958 and had tried ever since to es-

cape a sort of big league Alcatraz—the place where teams get stuck for decades as also-rans. The Red Sox and White Sox got free, not so the Cubs and Indians.

So clang the cable car bells. Loudly, too. Baseball’s best play by the Bay.

Exactly when these Giants turned into world beaters is hard to say. Trailing San Diego by 7 1/2 games in the NL West on July 4, they meandered in the wild-card race until the stretch run, winning the division and finishing 92-70.

Come the playoffs, they became dangerous. Any well-armed team is. Start with Matt Cain—three postseason starts, a 0.00 ERA. Throw in Lincecum, the two-time Cy Young winner. Add Madison Bumgarner, the 21-year-old rookie who helped blank Texas in Game 4.

“This doesn’t make sense. You don’t realize it. It’s something that’s surreal. But that’s what we are, World Series champs,” Cain said.

San Francisco posted a trio of one-run wins in the opening round that sent Atlanta manager Bobby Cox into retirement, then stopped the two-time defending NL champion Phillies in the championship series. Those wins, like this came on the road.

In the Year of the Pitcher, the World Series proved the oldest

adage in the game: Good pitching stops good hitting, every time. Lincecum and the team with the best ERA in the big leagues completely shut down Josh Hamilton and the club with the majors’ top batting average.

Texas hit just .190 in the five games and was outscored 29-12.

“They beat us soundly,” manager Ron Washington said. “They deserve it.”

Texas became the latest Series newcomer to make a quick exit. Houston (2005) and Colorado (2007) got swept in their first appearances, Tampa Bay (2008) stuck around for just five games. The AL champion Rangers became the first team since 1966 to get shut out twice in a World Series, with big hitters Hamilton, Vladimir Guerrero and Cruz left taking half-swings or flailing wildly.

Hamilton, the probable AL MVP, went 2 for 20 with one RBI.

“We just got cold at the wrong time with the bats,” he said.

The Rangers’ franchise wrapped up its 50th season overall, in good hands with Nolan Ryan as president and part-owner. If only Big Tex could teach his team to hit, too.

By the final out, Ryan sat there glumly as did the team’s No. 1 fan, former President George W. Bush.

The Giants won their sixth title overall, joining the likes of Christy Mathewson, Mel Ott and John McGraw as champs. They also helped ease the gloating that blew from across the Bay, where the Oakland Athletics won three straight crowns in the mid-1970s and swept the Giants in the earthquake-interrupted 1989 Series.

The Giants are tied with their longtime rivals, the Dodgers, for fifth-most Series titles. The Yankees lead with 27, followed by the Cardinals (10), Athletics (9) and Red Sox (7).

San Francisco had come close before. Future Hall of Famers Orlando Cepeda, Mays, McCovey and Marichal lost to the Yankees 1-0 in Game 7 in 1962. In 2002, Bonds & Co. led the Angels 5-0 in the seventh inning of Game 6 before letting that lead and Game 7 slip away.

Many years ago, one swing of the bat prompted a call that resonates throughout Giants history and beyond.

“The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant!” announcer Russ Hodges shouted over and over after Bobby Thomson launched “The Shot Heard ‘Round the World” in 1951.

Time to redo that cry: The Giants win the Series! The Giants win the Series! The Giants win the Series!

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first World Series.

“You’ve got to tip your cap to Lincecum. He pitched an unbelievable game. They outpitched us the whole series,” Lee said. “Against this lineup, that’s highly impressive what they did with the ball. A lot of credit goes to their pitching and defense. It was outstanding, and they flat-out beat us.”

Texas had gone 18 innings—the equivalent of two full games—without scoring until Nelson Cruz homered in the seventh against Lincecum. That was after Lee, who struck out six and walked none in seven innings, had thrown his

last pitch.

Edgar Renteria, the Giants’ No. 8 hitter and World Series most valuable player, hit a three-run homer in the seventh.

The Rangers were shut out twice by San Francisco. The last team held scoreless twice in a World Series was the 1966 Los Angeles Dodgers, who failed to score in the last three games while being swept by Baltimore.

Texas, which led the majors with a .276 batting average in the regular season, hit a meager .190 with only 12 runs in the World Series.

“Obviously, we have a great offense, so we feel like we should score no matter what,” said Michael Young, the team’s career hits leader and longest-

tenured player in his 10th season. “They threw really well, they deserve credit for that, they won the World Series — but as a competitor you always want to put it on yourself. You always want to say it doesn’t matter who’s out there, you’ve got to find a way to score runs. We just didn’t get it done.”

Josh Hamilton, who led the majors with a .359 average in the regular season, went 2 for 20 in the World Series. The big bats of Young, Hamilton, Vladimir Guerrero and Nelson Cruz were a combined 12 for 74 (.162).

“Sometimes you feel good and you just don’t get hits,” Hamilton said. “You hate for it to happen in the World Series, but it did.”

Bengie Molina spent 3 1/2

seasons in San Francisco, helping to mentor Lincecum and the other Giants pitchers before being traded July 1 to the Rangers. As good as the Giants’ pitchers are, even he was caught off guard by how much they dominated the Texas hitters.

“Very surprised, very amazed,” said Molina, who can still take home a championship ring. “It’s very simple. They hit, they pitched, they won.”

The Rangers had 29 hits in the series. San Francisco scored 29 runs.

“I didn’t know they can pitch that well,” Washington said. “It was as good as advertised.”

Lee was 7-0 with a 1.26 ERA in eight career postseason starts going into this World Series. He had won Games 1 and 5 last

year for Philadelphia against the New York Yankees, who won the other four games for their 27th championship.

This time, he lost Games 1 and 5 of the first World Series in the 50-season history of the Rangers franchise.

The 2008 American League Cy Young pitching award winner will be one of the most sought-after free agents this winter, and the Rangers obviously want to keep him. They beat the Yankees in the playoffs, but it could be costly to top them again in free agency.

“I like this team. This is a very fun team to play on. It was a very talented group of guys. I expect this team to do some really good things next year,” Lee said. “I don’t know if I’m going

to be a part of it or not. I would love to be. But there are so many things that can happen.”

Before his disappointing World Series, Lee pitched a complete game in the AL division series clincher against Tampa Bay after winning the opener of that series for Texas. In his only start against the Yankees in the AL championship series, he struck out 13 and allowed only two hits over eight innings.

The Rangers’ best hitter in the Series was Mitch Moreland, the rookie first baseman who batted ninth and didn’t even join the team until July 27. He went 6 for 13 (.462) and his three-run homer was the big hit for Texas in its only victory, 4-2 in Game 3.

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and their fans with his drive off Cliff Lee, unexpected pop from the No. 8 spot in the batting order that propelled San Francisco to a 3-1 victory and its first title since leaving the Polo Grounds after the 1957 season—18 years before he was born.

A five-time All-Star who has declined dramatically the past three seasons, Renteria hit .412 (7 for 17) with six RBIs in the Series. He had all of three homers and 22 RBIs during an injury-filled regular season that landed the shortstop on the disabled list three times and prompted him to openly ponder retirement.

In three World Series appearances, he has compiled statistics anyone would be proud of: a .333

average (21 for 63) with five doubles, two homers and 10 RBIs.

“Maybe I am more in focus. I know it’s a different game because if you make a mistake you’re going to pay,” he said. “That’s why my focus is different, my level is different, and just want to be the guy to do something.”

An hour after the game, orange-and-black-clad Giants fans stood behind the third-base dugout at Rangers Ballpark chanting “Don’t Retire!” as Renteria conducted interviews.

“It was a tough year for me,” he said. “I told myself to keep working hard and keep in shape because something is going to be good this year.”

Now 34, Renteria made three trips to the disabled list this season because of a strained right groin (May 6-22 and May 25-June 16) and a strained left bi-

ceps (Aug. 11-Sept. 1). His 72 games were the fewest of his big league career.

“The word I got, he was slow at shortstop,” Rangers manager Ron Washington said. “He looked like the young Renteria that I seen when he first came over.”

Renteria is used to the big stage—he is one of only two players to get a World Series-ending hit and hit into a World Series-ending out, according to STATS LLC. The other was Goose Goslin, who struck out for Washington against Pittsburgh in 1925, then singled for Detroit against the Chicago Cubs in 1935.

In 1997, Renteria’s 11th-inning single up the middle off Cleveland’s Charles Nagy won the title for the Florida Marlins, only the fourth Game 7 in World Series history to stretch into extra innings.

Seven years later, his come-backer to Keith Foulke finished Boston’s four-game sweep of St. Louis and gave the Red Sox their first title since 1918. He was the one who hit the ball that Doug Mientkiewicz made famous.

The two-time Gold Glove winner returned to the World Series this year with his sixth major league team in 15 seasons.

He didn’t start in the division series against Atlanta but was inserted into the lineup in Game 2 of the NL championship series at Philadelphia. Renteria started 10 of the Giants’ final 11 games, with Juan Uribe shifting from shortstop to third.

“Well, Edgar has been through it, and I wanted a leader out there,” Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. “I know how bad Edgar wanted it. It wasn’t too long ago we had a little talk, and

he said, ‘I just want to go out and win another World Series.’ And I couldn’t be prouder for him.”

Renteria hit a go-ahead homer off C.J. Wilson in the fifth inning of Game 2, then singled in two runs in the eighth. He added three hits in Game 4, helping the Giants to a 4-0 win and a 3-1 Series lead.

Then in Game 5, with Lee dominating the Giants, Cody Ross and Uribe started the seventh with consecutive singles up the middle, and Aubrey Huff sacrificed for the first time in his 11-season big league career.

Renteria told teammate Andres Torres, who was on double deck, that he would hit one out.

“I was joking,” Renteria said later. “But it went out.”

With first-base open, Lee got behind 2-0. The next pitch was a cutter that stayed up and over

the plate. As the ball rose toward left-center, David Murphy kept running back, and at first it was unclear whether it would be caught. Murphy ran out of room, and the ball sailed just over the 8-foot wall and into the front row of seats.

Renteria celebrated with his teammates as they passed the trophy to each other on the infield long after the game was over. Tim Lincecum, a first-time champion at age 26, praised the old guy.

“It is pretty crazy, just because he’s been around so long,” Lincecum said. “You can see he’s still got it. He comes up clutch in a clutch situation.”

It wouldn’t have been surprising if Renteria didn’t get a start during the postseason. Now, 13 years after he was the toast of Miami Beach, he’s the king of Nob Hill.



# Mieko passes mental test in XTERRA World

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Saipan pro triathlete Mieko Carey owed her improved performance in last month's XTERRA World Championship to her mental toughness.

Carey finished 13th in the women's race of XTERRA World in Hawaii on Oct. 24, timing in at three hours, 21 minutes, and 11 seconds. Last year, she placed 18th after completing the 1.5-kilometer swim, 32-km bike race, and 12-km trail run in 3:35:44.

"I think the difference of this year's XTERRA from last year's was my mental preparation. I was stronger mentally this year than last year after training twice in Australia. In every race, it is important to have your body ready both physically and mentally," Carey said.

At the beginning of the year, Carey went to Australia to train with Andrew Noble and then returned there in Sep-



Kevin and Mieko Carey pose for a photo after completing last month's XTERRA World Championship in Maui, Hawaii.

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tember, one month before the XTERRA World Championship.

"If you are thinking at climbing hills and telling yourself your legs are tired, then your legs will slow you down. In running, if you say you want to walk, then your legs will start walking instead of running," the 32-year-old triathlete said.

"But for me, when I am hurt or tired, I always tell myself to keep going and never give up. When I do that I forget all the pain in my body and manage to push harder to finish the race. Then, at the finish line, I try to look back and ask myself how I was able to complete the tough race," Carey added.

She said since she had been to XTERRA World several times, the test was not about finding or going

through the right course, but finding the motivation to surpass her previous performance.

"Every race in XTERRA World made me grow stronger and tougher, as each year I tried to beat myself. Every year, I feel excited as I moved closer to the medal podium," said Carey.

Only the Top 5 finishers in the men's and women's divisions are allowed at the medal podium.

Meanwhile, Carey thanked all his supporters on Saipan and corporate sponsors for their continued support.

"I am happy to have friends and supporters who cheer for me even when I am racing off-island. Thank you to them and also a big thank you to my husband, Kevin. He is my No. 1 fan," Carey said.

## SIS boys undefeated in MISO volleyball league

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Saipan International School will be seeded first in the playoff round of the 2010-2011 MISO Boys Volleyball League, following a sweep of the regular season.

The Geckos finished the double-round robin regular season with a perfect 8-0 record to get the top seed in the double-elimination playoffs and draw a bye in the first round. They will need only two wins to make it to the finals and boost their chances for a second volleyball crown this season.

SIS won the co-ed varsity division of the 2010-2011 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League after stunning six-time champion Grace Christian Academy in the finals last Friday, 19-25, 25-23, 15-11. In the COPSSA league, SIS first defeated Calvary Christian Academy and then topped Marianas Baptist Academy in the semifinals to advance to the championship game.

After their playoff matches in the COPSSA league, the Geckos male players headed out to the Marianas High School Gymnasium where they asserted their might against Kagman High School, MHS 1 and 2, and Saipan Southern High School.

SIS will return to the MHS Gym this Friday to meet the winner of the MHS 1 and 2 duel in the second round. The Dolphins 1 and 2 finished third and fourth in the regular season with their 4-3 and 2-5 records, respectively and will collide in the first playoff match at 2pm.

The second first round pairing will have the second-seeded Kagman High School (5-3) facing the last ranked Southern (5-3) at 3pm. SIS will play the winner of Game 1 at 4pm, while losers of Games 1 and 2 will square off in a do-or-die match at 5pm.

The MISO volleyball league playoffs will continue this Saturday with matches starting at 2pm and Game 1 of the championship showdown set for 5pm. If the undefeated team in the playoffs loses Game 1 of the finals, a deciding Game 2 will take place at 6pm.

The MISO volleyball league be-



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Josh Borja, seen here returning a shot to Marianas Baptists Academy in the COPSSA league, plays for Saipan International School in the MISO boys volleyball where the Geckos are seeded first in the playoffs this weekend at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

came a five-team battle after Tinian pulled out of the tournament due to financial problems.

Tinian will not make it to the baseball playoffs, too, leaving the league with only three squads to vie for the championship this weekend.

Southern took the first finals seat after topping the regular season, while Kagman and MHS will square off for the second and last finals berth this Friday at 3pm at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. The title game between the Rays and the winner of the Friday's playoff match is also scheduled for 3pm this Saturday. The weekend games will be played in seven full innings.

## Ferrera Builders tied for lead, Pacific Grocers nip IT&E

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Ferrera Builders got a share of the lead in the QQ Basketball Cup after routing Atalig Associates, 105-76, last Friday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Seeing action in the nightcap, Ferrera Builders shooters were on all night long to improve their win-loss record to 7-1, in a tie with Docomo Pacific. The loss, meanwhile, was the fourth in seven games for Atalig Associates.

Ferrera Builders withstood a 12-point barrage from Atalig Associates main man Jesse Mina to take a 24-23 lead in the first quarter.

Joseph Galulu and Noel David then turned in six points apiece in the second to stretch Ferrera Builders' lead to five, 47-42, at halftime. Mina added nine more markers to his total in the second quarter.

Even though Mina tallied nine more points after the break, Ferrera Builders began to pull away thanks in large part to three long balls by James Abuy and seven points in support from teammate Jun Abedes.

Ahead 75-57 heading into the final quarter, Ferrera Builders cruised to an easy victory.

Abuy connected with three triples and his teammate Gilbert Miranda came off the bench and delivered 12 points in the fourth quarter.

The sharp-shooting Abuy finished with a team high 26 points, while Mina led all scorers with 30 markers in the loss.

In the curtain raiser, Pacific Grocers edged out IT&E, 75-74, and improved to 3-5, while leveling IT&E's card to 4-4.

Pacific Grocers led 19-16 after the first 10 minutes of play as Eugene Mangali scored seven points. Errol Peredo led IT&E with eight points in the opening period.

Pacific Grocers forward Jeff Pagarao, seen here in a file photo going for a reverse layup, scored 15 points in their game against IT&E last Friday in the QQ Basketball Cup at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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Pacific Grocers shared the ball effectively in the second quarter and extended its lead to five points, 39-34, at halftime. Ivan Devero led IT&E with six markers just before the half.

ITE's Joy Dayrit and Jung Park combined for 13 points after the break, but Pacific Grocers' Ernie Moises and Leo Apelo answered with 15 points to help their team pull ahead by nine, 62-53, heading into the last quarter.

Devero pumped in eight points in the clutch to help bring IT&E back into the game, but Pacific Grocers held on to the win despite a shaky performance in the final period.

After averaging over 20 points per quarter, Pacific Grocers was limited to only 13 points in the fourth period.

Pacific Grocers' Apelo led all scorers with 18 points, but it was the help from the bench that made the difference in this

match as the mainstay scorers turned in similar performances across the board.

### First Game

**Ferrera Builders 105** – Abuy 26, Miranda 21, Abedes 14, David 13, Galulu 12, Mortos 11, Galvez 4, Yabut 2.

**Atalig Associates 76** – Mina 30, Hernandez 16, Camacho 13, Lisua 10, Capalad 5, Castro 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 24-23, 47-42, 75-57, 105-76.

### Second Game

**Pacific Grocers 75** – Apelo 18, Mangali 16, Pagarao 15, Javier 13, Moises 13.

**IT&E 74** – Devero 16, Peredo 16, Dayrit 15, Park 13, De Dios 12, Lascuna 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 19-16, 39-34, 62-53, 75-74.





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## Giants end drought, win World Series



The San Francisco Giants celebrate after Game 5 of baseball's World Series against the Texas Rangers Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, in Arlington, Texas.

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**A**RLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Say Hey. Say World Series champions. The prize that eluded Willie and Barry for so long finally belongs to the San Francisco Giants, thanks to a band of self-described castoffs and misfits and their shaggy-haired ace. Tim Lincecum, Edgar Renteria and the Giants won the title Monday night, beating the Texas Rangers 3-1 in a tense Game 5 and taking the trophy home to the city by the Bay for the first time.

"San Francisco is going nuts, we're going nuts and it feels really good," closer Brian Wilson said.

It was an overdue victory. Willie Mays led the Giants to their previous crown in 1954, four years before they moved West. After that, they never quite got it done despite the likes of baseball giants Barry Bonds,



Juan Marichal and Willie McCovey.

"This buried a lot of bones—'62, '89, 2002," Giants general manager Brian Sabean said, ticking off losing Series appearances. "This group deserved it, faithful from the beginning. We're proud and humbled by the achievement."

Lincecum outdueled Cliff Lee in a matchup that was scoreless until Renteria earned the Series MVP award by hitting a stunning three-run homer with two outs in the seventh inning. Nelson Cruz homered in the bottom half, but Lincecum returned to his wicked self and preserved the lead.

Lincecum won this game of Texas Hold 'em, beating Lee for the second time in a week. He gave up three hits over eight innings and struck out 10.

The two-time NL Cy Young winner arrived at Rangers Ballpark wearing a bow tie, as if he was going to a party. He had one on the mound, for sure.

"Pretty collected. I was very poised out there. From the first inning on my adrenaline kind of

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### Rangers' best pitcher, big bats fizzle vs Giants

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**ARLINGTON, Texas** (AP)—Everything that carried the Texas Rangers into the World Series fizzled against the San Francisco Giants.

The best pitcher. The big batters. Nothing seemed to work when it mattered most.

Ace left-handed pitcher Cliff Lee lost again and the Rangers' batters were muted in a 3-1 loss in Game 5 on Monday that gave the title to the Giants.

"The guys are a little down," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "They beat us soundly. They played better baseball than we did."

Lee, the prized midseason acquisition Texas got to win games like this, was definitely better than in the Series opener, when he had his worst post-season outing ever. Still, it wasn't good enough to beat Tim Lincecum.

But no matter how well the free agent-to-be might have pitched in maybe his last start for Texas, Lee got no help from a potent lineup that went from slugging to slumping in the Rangers'

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Texas Rangers' Cliff Lee yells after giving up a three run home run to San Francisco Giants' Edgar Renteria during the seventh inning of Game 5 of baseball's World Series Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, in Arlington, Texas.

### MVP Renteria saves biggest moments for Series

By RONALD BLUM  
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**ARLINGTON, Texas** (AP)—As he sat through the first five games of the playoffs last month, mostly as a spectator, Edgar Renteria just wanted a chance.

He not only got it, he seized it.

Now, he's put his name alongside Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio and Yogi Berra as the only players with two World Series-winning hits.

"It's unbelievable. That's life," Renteria said with joy and exhaustion in his voice after his three-run homer in the seventh inning Monday night sent the Giants to their first World Series title since 1954.

Wearing a gray, orange and white World Series champion T-shirt and a stiff new cap backwards on his head—World Series trophy facing forward—Renteria beamed after he was picked as a unanimous World Series MVP.

After getting the hit that won the 1997 title for Florida and making the final out for St. Louis in Boston's 2004 win, he stunned the Texas Rangers

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San Francisco Giants' Edgar Renteria, right, is congratulated by Pat Burrell after Renteria hit a three-run home run during the seventh inning of Game 5 of baseball's World Series against the Texas Rangers Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, in Arlington, Texas.